**Master’s Thesis Defense Script**

**Moderator Introduces the Defense Process**

Thank you for joining us today, for Rachel Hoffmeister thesis defense. I’m Sean Kim from the Dept. of Natural Sciences and I will be chairing the proceedings.

I ask that you hold questions until after the candidate’s presentation. After Rachel’s talk, which will be about 30 minutes, questioning will proceed, starting with the general audience and ending with the thesis committee.

**Moderator Introduces Committee Members**

First of all, I’d like to introduce committee members. The thesis committee members are: Dr. Pilcher, a professor of chemistry, Dr. Morgan, a professor of biology and myself, a professor of chemistry.

**Moderator Initiates the Presentation**

With that, Rachel Hoffmeister will present her study, the title is “USING BRIDGED NUCLEIC ACIDS FOR DETECTION OF PHOSPHATIDYLINOSITOL 3-KINASE CATALYTIC SUBUNIT ALPHA MUTATION”

Rachel, the podium is yours.

**QUESTIONS**

Now, the floor is open to questions from the general audience.

If there is no question. General audience may be excused now (because The [meeting](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/meeting) with committee members will be [held](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/held) behind [closed](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/closed) [doors](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/us/dictionary/english/door).)

Thank you for joining us today again.

We will proceed to questioning from committee members.