Scoring Rubric for Oral Presentations

Source: <http://hplengr.engr.wisc.edu/Rubric_Presentation.doc>

Content and Scientific Merit (60 points)

*Introduction:*

○ Defines background and importance of research.

○ States objective, and is able to identify relevant questions

*Body*:

 ○ Presenter has a scientifically valid argument.

 ○ Addresses audience at an appropriate level (rigorous, but generally understandable to a scientifically-minded group).

 ○ Offers evidence of proof/disproof.

 ○ Describes methodology.

 ○ The talk is logical.

*Conclusion*:

 ○ Summarizes major points of talk.

 ○ Summarizes potential weaknesses (if any) in findings.

 ○ Provides you with a “take-home” message.

Speaking Style/Delivery (20 points)

 ○ Speaks clearly and at an understandable pace.

 ○ Maintains eye contact with audience.

 ○ Well rehearsed (either extemporaneous or scripted presentation).

 ○ Limited use of filler words (“umm,” “like,” etc.).

 ○ Speaker uses body language appropriately.

 ○ Speaker is within time limits.

 ○ Speaker is able to answer questions professionally.

 ○ Speaker is dressed appropriately.

Audio/Visual (20 points)

 ○ Graphs/figures are clear and understandable.

 ○ The text is readable and clear.

 ○ Audio/Visual components support the main points of the talk.

 ○ Appropriate referencing of data that is/was not generated by presenter

General Comments