Appendix L. Sample Coding Legend/Schema

1. Preparedness for Dissertation Process

   P1 Very prepared

   P2 Unprepared

   P3 Somewhat prepared

2. Knowledge, Skills, Attitudes/KSA (what they think they needed)

   KSA1 Knowledge of the content; knowing what was required

   KSA2 Understanding of the process; knowing how to do it

   KSA3 Assertiveness

3. How They Learned

   Formal Learning

   FORM1 Course work

   FORM2 Post–course work seminars

   FORM3 Advisors and other faculty

   Informal Learning

   INFORM1 Dialogue with colleagues

   INFORM2 Researching

   INFORM3 Reading

4. Perceptions of Facilitators

   FAC1 Advisor

   FAC2 Other faculty

   FAC3 Colleagues/classmates

   FAC4 Personal attributes

5. Perceptions of Impediments

   IMPED1 Advisor

   IMPED2 Faculty/administration

   IMPED3 Rigidity of the process

   IMPED4 Personal and family issues

   IMPED5 Professional demands

   IMPED6 Financial constraints

   IMPED7 Lack of confidence in ability