Ph.D. Program in Computer Science
Graduate Center CUNY
Executive Committee Meeting
December 14, 2001

Minutes

Present: Ted Brown (EO), Melvin Fitting, Sergei Artemov, Myles Nash, Yung Kong, Audrey Mbogho, Miriam Tausner, Garry Bloom, Cullen Schaffer

1. Ted Brown: about procedural change concerning options of oral vs written exam on the second level of the program. A consensus of the Executive Committee was that a change from the written-oral exam option to the oral exam only option should be done as quickly as possible within the system of laws and regulations of the Graduate Center with a clear explanation who is going to be affected by such a change.

2. Ted Brown: about the publication requirement for a Ph.D. thesis. The old version of the formulation was "Publication of your research in peer-reviewed journals and conferences prior to the Dissertation Defense is encouraged." EC supported the following new version of this requirement: "Peer reviewed publications of your research prior to the Dissertation Defense is expected."

3. The EC noted that forming Ph.D. Committees is a process involving several sides including a supervisor and a EO, who has a power to approve or disapprove the Committee. All participating sides are expected to execute their powers and responsibilities in a gentle manner.

4. Sergei Artemov suggested to organize Technical Report Series of the Computer Science Program. This was supported by the EC. Ted Brown and Sergei Artemov were asked to think over the details.

5. Vote for new Program members
   Boris Yamrom, Lehman: approved
   Amotz Bar-Noy, Brooklyn/GC: approved
   Bernard Domanski, SCI: approved
   Lori L. Scarlatos, Brooklyn: approved
   all others will be considered next meeting.