Present: Ted Brown (GC, chair), Sam Fenster (CCNY, recording, substituting for Gary Bloom), Mel Fitting (Lehman), Yung Kong (Queens), Lin Leung (student), Audrey Mbogho (student), Cullen Schaffer (Hunter). Arrived later: Sergei Artemov (GC).

[Ted Brown corrected some facts in the draft of these minutes. -- Sam]

- The minutes of Nov. 15, 2002 were approved without objection.

- Budget

  - The budget is very tight. Tuition will almost certainly increase. The last increase was in 1995.

  - There will probably be less fellowship money available.

  - Science fellowship money will increase from $18K to $24K. The 4 fellowships given are usually split, but this requires matching funds from sources outside GC monies given to the program, so matching funds will have to increase.

- Grants

  - An NSF grant to support PhD students was secured by Ted Brown working with a program, CASE, in GC. The AP Fellows grant is for three years, each year for a new cohort of 10 fellows working with AP classes in Bronx high schools at $21.5K plus tuition per student.

- Statistics

  - Time to graduate: The Middle States review said GC students take too long. GC limits it to 16 semesters (18 without an MS). How can students be pressured? Ted Brown now meets with students every semester and requires a written progress report; also, the GC is considering adding an additional grade possibility to U900 (registered for by every 3rd level student) for "not satisfactory progress" grades.

  - Enrollment has risen dramatically, compared to other departments. A
concerted effort has been made by the E.O. to increase the size of the program.

- Because GC is short on money, they want to limit a department's courses. Ted Brown, based on arithmetic with our program requirements, has made a request for a larger limit.

- New Business

- Limiting the number of students in program was briefly discussed. The student representative, when asked, opined that the number of students in a GC class should be around 10, rather than the much higher numbers sometimes encountered.

- Old Business

- Constantin Negoita has submitted paperwork in support of his request for readmission. Non-faculty left. There was discussion. The E.O. was asked to ask him for his recent publications and others would do some additional investigation.

- ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Fenster