Executive Committee of the Ph.D. Program in Computer Science
September 15, 2006

Attendance

Ted Brown, Executive Officer
Amotz Bar-Noy, Brooklyn College
Kent D. Boklan, Queens College
Matt Johnson, Graduate Center (student representative)
Susan Imberman, College of Staten Island
Janos Pach, CCNY
Subash Shankar, Hunter
Abdullah Tansel, Baruch College

Minutes

- Minutes from April 6 2006 meeting were approved.
- One initiative last year was to decide upon a set of permanent courses for second year students. The recommendations are being forwarded to the GC curriculum committee..
- A review of current enrollment statistics indicated a decrease in enrollment. This is partially attributed to the decreased foreign students applying to CUNY.

To improve our Program’s visibility on the web the program will attempt to find common specializations to use to make our expertise more characterized.

Provisional faculty members who have gotten tenure recently will be asked to provide information for their for permanent status.

- A motion was proposed to use the current procedure for appointing faculty to permanent status for reviewing faculty who are “provisional,” get tenure and need to be reviewed for permanent status. (The membership committee passes their positive recommendations to the executive committee. If the executive committee disagrees with the membership committee, the appointment decision is then sent back to the membership committee for final dispensation.
  - The motion was passed:
    - 8 in favor
    - 1 opposed

- All PhD programs in this country will be ranked by the National Research Council this year. The last one was done in 1980. We are in the process of filling out forms.
- Attendance in colloquia is down. Discussion ensued as to whether or not students should be required to attend some number of colloquia as a graduation requirement. Faculty will be encouraged to invite speakers so that a wider variety of topics will be presented.
• Matt Johnson volunteered to start and head a student chapter of the ACM
• Students should be encouraged to apply to the Doctoral Student Research Grant program. Students can get $1500 in grant money. Most students who applied last year were funded.
• The Executive Committee went into executive session for the purpose of recommending students for the Microsoft fellowship application. (The department is limited to suggesting three names.)

Susan Imberman, secretary