Present: Sergei Artemov (Graduate Center), Amotz Bar-Noy (Brooklyn), Ted Brown (E.O.), Konstantinos Georgatos (John Jay), Susan Imberman (Staten Island), Matt Johnson (student, by phone), Janos Pach (City), Subash Shankar (Hunter), Abdullah Tansel (Baruch)

1. The minutes of the February 9, 2007 meeting were approved.

2. A motion revising when students can become 3rd level was unanimously approved. The motion is:

   A student becomes third level upon passing the first part of the second level exam. Students are required to become third level within two years after passing the first level examination, and a third level student must defend a proposed topic of research within two years after becoming third level.

3. T. Brown briefly discussed the search for a new APO.

4. There was discussion about improving PhD quality, along with some particular issues and problems in ensuring more appropriate standards for PhD level research. One proposal was to have second level examinations be selected from a fixed list of topics (and corresponding list of examiners) scheduled on a limited number of fixed preannounced dates. There seemed to be general concensus focusing on the need to guide students early (i.e., the first part of the 2nd level exam). The discussion was tabled for additional discussion in the future.

5. (Executive Session) The following faculty members were approved for appointment to the doctoral faculty:
   - Provisional: Brickman
   - Permanent: Rudofsky, Chopra, Konstantinos

Minutes respectfully submitted by Subash Shankar