Graduate Center of CUNY

Minutes Computer Science Executive Committee Meeting Oct. 17, 2008

Present: Ted Brown (EO), Subash Shankar (Hunter), Susan Imberman (CSI), Sergei Artemov (GC), Kent Boklan (Queens), Abdullah Tansel (Baruch), Amotz Bar-Noy (Brooklyn), Konstantinos Georgatos (John Jay); Yi Feng (student), Yuri Cantor (student)

Guests from the faculty admissions committee: Noson Yanofsky (Brooklyn), Michael Anshel (CCNY)

- Minutes of Sept. 12, 2008 meeting were approved.

Announcements by the E.O.:

- Reminder that the Students Research Award program has been announced
- Associate Provost Lemons has left to CCNY
- Polytech of Brooklyn and NYU have merged

Old business

The Executive Committee discussed with the Faculty Admissions Committee several issues about membership.

- it is hard to create a criteria for becoming faculty of the Computer Science Department: a) good in mentoring students, b) research active, c) contribution to the program

Procedurally if for some reason the Executive Committee first decides on the suitability for faculty membership, rejects or postpones a member, the Executive Committee will make its recommendations known to Faculty Admissions Committee. If the passed on recommendation is negative vote and the Faculty Admissions Committee does not concur, then both committees should meet.

- New Business:
- A committee that is creating the Middle State self-assessment is asking all departments to do an assessment of their 1st exam. A discussion ensued about our 5 core courses have been discussed and how well our First Exam is at assessing suitability for doctoral work. No conclusion was reached about any changes.