Graduate Center of CUNY

Minutes Computer Science Executive Committee Meeting April 24, 2009

Present: Kent Boklan (Queens), Amotz Bar-Noy (Brooklyn), Sergei Artemov (Graduate Center), Subash Shankar (Hunter), Yi Feng (Student), Nancy Griffeth (Lehman), Ted Brown (EO)

Minutes for March 13th 2009 meeting were approved with spelling and phrasing corrections.

Announcements by EO
- Improvements to the computer science department lab are in progress, including a large-screen TV, replacement of older PC’s with Apple iMac’s, and removal of mailboxes and lockers.
- The Graduate Center IT Director position has been replaced by Assistant Vice-President of IT and there is a search in progress with five candidates

Old business
The Executive Committee confirmed that the outside member of a dissertation committee may be present via teleconference (audio only is permitted, but video is preferred) at the dissertation defense if the committee member’s normal office is more than two hours travel from the Graduate Center. Exceptions may be made by the Executive Officer if necessary.

New business
Changes to the governance document were discussed. The following changes were agreed to:
- In the first sentence of Item IIA, replace “meet at least once each semester” with “meet at least once each year.”
- Item IIC should read “The doctoral faculty may overrule any decision of the Executive Officer, the Executive Committee, or any standing committee within six months of the decision. Such an action shall require approval of two thirds of the members of the doctoral faculty.”
- Delete Items IIB and IIE

After considerable discussion of the composition of the Executive Committee (Item III of the governance document), the meeting was adjourned.