Minutes Computer Science Executive Committee Meeting Friday May 27, 2016

Present: Robert Haralick (EO), Ted Raphan (Brooklyn College), Abdullah Tansel (Baruch), Ioannis Stamos (Hunter), Peter Brass (CCNY), Sergei Artemov (Proxy for Lev Manovich - GC), Ted Brown (Queens College), Zhanyang Zhang (CSI), Matt Johnson (Lehman College), Allan Zelener (Student)

- Motion to approve the agenda passes unanimously.
- Motion to approve the minutes of April 1st 2016. Passes with one abstention (TB).

Announcements

- Budget cuts report by RH.
  - No replacements for administrative positions.
  - Additional 2% cut for next year throughout every unit.
  - Shortened library hours on the weekend starting in the summer.
  - Estimated two more classes to be lost in teaching budget for Spring 2017, in addition to previous three already cut. Every class cut is $16,400 saved.
  - Administration doing through review of all details to deal with continued structural changes from budget cuts.
  - All programs should develop specialized masters programs – President Chase Robinson. $6000 per student. Needed to build back up to previous level of funding.
  - Approval given to Data Science master’s program by President Robinson.
  - Central faculty must teach, non-central get cut from teaching.
  - Following year tuition is expected to be raised and slow down budget cuts. This may be wishful thinking. Perhaps faculty needs to strike in the Fall.

- Admissions committee report by RH.
  - 14 total students who could be admitted. Upped +2 due to transfer of students from Mathematics. Includes students for new faculty at Hunter, they received the tuition fellowships.
  - Math students used all of their fellowship years already, couldn’t get them fellowship despite appeal efforts. Their math credits count and they take first year courses.
  - 23/24 offers with 16 acceptances.
  - Approximately 7 students come in with a masters.

- Membership committee report by RH.
  - Began meeting at end of February. Met every Monday up until now.
  - Accomplishment surveys or CVs were received from all doctoral faculty members.
  - Three surveys from faculty who reapplied for membership.
  - Two step approach. Take statistics from surveys and put in spreadsheet. Find way to make distinction to find those to look at more carefully.
  - No one approach the committee agreed upon. Each would make their own approach and produce list of 20 in the careful examination group. Anyone on more than 3 of 7 lists was designated as someone to look at more carefully for
review. Included many chairs, recent chairs, and new hires or faculty without tenure who were given a pass. Remainder of list is 12 faculty members.
  o Each member reviewed case by case.
  o Two members in no continuation group.
  o All faculty who reapplied were voted to be continued.
  o Two adjuncts who did not give any accomplishment surveys.
  o Queens hired two new faculty and Membership committee voted to put them on doctoral faculty. Mayank Goswani and Alla Rozovskaya. Other new hires have not yet been reviewed.

Old Business
- Algorithm appeals by PB
  o PB met with Prof. Louis Petingi.
  o Agreement on adjustments to final grade appeals but not on reweighting of grades. Strong disagreement on taking the maximum of both weightings.
  o Provost discovered precedent exists that supports use of taking maximum and this was applied.
  o One student passed from regrading of exam.
  o One substantial change, most other changes half a grade.
  o Appeals process is continuing for one student who left halfway through semester. Received an F instead of an INC. Received INC in other classes.
  o Two changes going forward: (1) EO or EO designee needs to talk with instructor. (2) Appeals committee formed by executive committee should meet with the professor. Should occur in next student handbook.
- Governance
  o Feedback from structure committee.
  o Motion to remove “a staggered” from 5.1.1. Motion passes unanimously.
  o Motion to change 5.1.1.2 to “the chairpersons or their designee…”. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business
- Membership of Doctoral Faculty
  o Motion to approve new faculty at Queens. Motion passes unanimously.
  o Motion to accept all those recommended for continuation by the Membership Committee are also accepted for continuation by the Executive Committee.
    ▪ TB calls the question. Three in favor, rest against. Does not pass.
    ▪ PB calls the question again. 5 in favor. 5 against. Does not pass.
    ▪ Call the question. Motion passes, TR votes against.
    ▪ 8 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstains. Motion passes.
  o ZZ abstains from remaining votes and leaves.
  o Motion to have the FM committee review the 10 members recommended for continuation but were in the carefully reviewed group. (TR motions, SA seconds).
    ▪ 2 in favor, 6 against, 2 abstain.
Motion to Adjourn Meeting - 6 in favor. Motion passed.