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Ph.D. Program in Theatre

Governance Structure

1. The Executive Committee in Theatre shall be composed of (a) the Executive Officer, (b) the Deputy Executive Officer, (c) five other faculty members elected by the Program faculty as a whole and serving renewable three-year terms, and (d) the President and First Vice-President of the Doctoral Theatre Students Association. If there are any central appointments, at least one of the five faculty members must be a central appointee. If there are six or more members of the faculty from any one senior college, the faculty member from that college with the highest number of votes will be elected to the committee, even if other candidates not at that college receive more votes. All will be voting members except that the students will not vote in decisions concerning individual faculty members or individual students. There will be no proxy votes.

2. The Deputy Executive Officer will be appointed from among the Theatre Program faculty by the Executive Officer, and shall serve a three-year term concurrent with that of the Executive Officer. The Deputy Executive Officer shall replace the Executive Officer in his/her absence and shall undertake such other duties as the Executive Officer shall assign.

3. Standing Committees

All Standing Committees report to the Executive Committee. The Executive Officer and the Deputy Executive Officer shall be ex officio members of all Standing Committees. The Chairs of the Standing Committees will be selected by the Executive Officer from those elected to those committees, and the student members of those committees will be elected by the Doctoral Theatre Students' Association. Faculty members of the Standing Committees serve for two-year terms and may be re-elected. The Standing Committees of the Program will be the following:

(a) Curriculum and Examination

The Curriculum and Examination Committee shall review curriculum and make recommendations for consideration by the Executive Committee. It shall recommend to the Executive Committee procedures and standards for the administration of examinations. It will be composed of three at-large faculty members elected by the Program faculty and one student elected by the Doctoral Theatre Students Association. At least two members of the committee must be from the college faculty.

(b) Faculty Membership

The Curriculum and Examination Committee as a whole shall serve as the Faculty Membership Committee. It shall recommend to the Executive Committee for membership on the Doctoral Faculty those faculty members who will make a significant contribution relevant to the needs of the Program. The student member will have voice but not vote on any matters affecting individuals being considered for membership.

(c) Admissions and Awards

The Admissions and Awards Committee shall review applications and make decisions as to which applicants are admitted to the Program. The committee shall recommend newly admitted students for awards administered by the Graduate Center. It shall be composed of three at-large faculty members elected by the Program faculty and one student. At least two members of the committee must be from the college faculty.

(d) Elections

The Elections Committee shall conduct all Program elections. The committee shall be composed of the Executive Officer, three faculty members, and three students. The Executive Officer will propose a slate of three faculty nominees to the Executive Committee, which will elect the faculty members of the Elections Committee. The student members of the committee will be elected by the Doctoral Theatre Students' Association. All terms shall be two years.

Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once each semester. In addition, the Executive Committee shall meet with the students in the Program once each semester, and the doctoral faculty of the Program shall meet once each semester.