Graduate Center of CUNY  
Computer Science Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes of Meeting Friday January 25th, 2019

Present: Robert M. Haralick, EO (GC), Sos Agaian (CSI), Peter Brass (CCNY), Ted Brown (Queens), Lou D’Alotto (York), Elena Filatova (NYCCT), Saptarshi Debroy (Hunter), Tzipora Halevi (Brooklyn), Matt Johnson (Lehman).

1. Approval of the meeting agenda: motion passed unanimously

2. Approval of the Nov. 2018 meeting minutes:
   a. Prof. Brass suggests changes regarding two last items in the bulleted list:
      i. Update the bulleted point regarding the curriculum committee. The updated statement is: “Refer to the curriculum committee to make the recommendation on whether the final Algorithms exam should/can be used as a Qualifying exam. Currently, the Algorithms exam is used as a Qualifying exam but several people have voiced their concern regarding this situation.”
      ii. Last bulleted point “Motion passed unanimously” is spurious. Remove.
   b. Motion to pass the Nov. 30 meeting minutes with the two updates above: motion passed unanimously

3. Admission status on the MS in Data Science program: 14 offers were made; 9 offers were accepted 9 to start the program in Spring 2019. Thus, currently, the MS in Data Science program has a total of 19 students.

4. PhD admissions status
   a. Clarify what are the final numbers: 42 or 87 submitted applications.
   b. Who is the primary target?
      i. International students: how to advertise to them?

5. Matt Johnson: Reports on Governance Committee meeting. The report is discussed later in the meeting (see item 7)

6. Robert Haralick: The Membership committee sent 2 lists for discussion and approval by the Exec committee: 2 doctoral faculty applications and 4 adjunct (PhD student advisers) faculty applications.

   The voting is proceeded by the discussion regarding the procedure of how CUNY assistant professors from senior colleges can be added to the list of doctoral faculty:

   i. When becoming CUNY faculty members their chairs submit nominations to the Exec committee;
   ii. After spending time in CUNY and showing research progress;

   Currently, the dept. chairs in different colleges have control of either recommending new hires right away or waiting, or not recommending at all.
Voting on the lists submitted by the Membership committee:

a. Voting Prof. Matluba Khodjaeva to be added to the list of doctoral faculty: 8 Yay, 0 Nay, 2 Abstention.

b. Voting Prof. Muath Obaidat to be added to the list of doctoral faculty: 8 Yay, 0 Nay, 2 Abstention.

c. Voting Prof. Delaram Kahrobaei to supervise a GC student (Kelsey Horan): motion passed unanimously (9 Yay).

d. Voting Prof. Chao Chen to supervise a GC student (Xiuyan Ni): motion passed unanimously (9 Yay).

e. Voting Prof. Spiros Bakiras to supervise a GC student (Bin Mu): 8 Yay, 0 Nay, 1 Abstention.

f. Voting Prof. Nancy Griffeth to supervise a GC student (Terri Grosso): 8 Yay, 0 Nay, 1 Abstention.

7. Prof. Johnson presents changes from the Governance committee regarding the Admissions committee members elections

Currently, the Governance document states: there can be 1 rep from each of the senior colleges. From the current document, it is not clear whether the elections should be held locally. There are different readings of the governance document.

The question is how the admission committee should be formed: Currently, the admissions committee consists of the department chairs. Prof. Brass suggests updating the Governance document regarding the Admissions committee rule to allow the department chairs to have alternates if they cannot be present at the meeting.

Prof. Haralick suggests re-wording the Governance document allowing the department chairs to appoint the alternates.

No decision can be made regarding the Governance document at this point. Conclusion: next time the Exec committee will discuss the changes to the Governance document that Prof. Johnson will distribute to the exec committee before the Exec committee meeting so that the Exec committee members have time to read the suggested changes before the Exec committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned.