Graduate Center of CUNY
Computer Science Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes of Meeting Friday November 17th, 2017

Present: Robert Haralick (EO), Theodore Brown (Queens College) Matthew Johnson (Lehman College), Theodore Raphan (Brooklyn), Subash Shankar (Hunter), Abdullah Tansel (Baruch), Zhanyang Zhang (CSI), Kelsey Horan (Student Rep), Raj Korpan (Student Rep), Viet Anh Trinh (Student Rep)

- Motion to approve agenda.
  - Motion passed unanimously
- Motion to approve the minutes of September 15th, 2017
  - Motion passed unanimously

Announcements and Committee Reports

Old business
- Status of the Data Science Master’s program
  - Website for the Data Science Masters is setup, admissions for the spring setup, 19 applicants thus far – admissions committee will review.
  - Program does not have a governance document yet – needs to be approved by the data science MS faculty – after that it needs to be approved by the GC.
  - Courses are part of the PhD courses so will they boost the PhD courses? Money back to the department has not been discussed yet until the program is profitable.
  - Data science courses will be offered in the spring and admitted students will take those courses.
  - Support for Grad Assistant will not be here until next year – but will bring it up for Spring time.

New Business
- Faculty Membership Applications with Membership Committee Votes
  - Liang Zhao, New Hire Lehman (7 yay)
  - Tzipora Halevi, New Hire Brooklyn, (7 yay)
  - Ronak Etemadpour, New Hire CCNY, (6 yay, 1 nay)
  - Wolf Kohn, (6 Nay, 1 Abstain)
  - Alex Ryba, Queens (2 Yay, 4 Nay, 1 Abstain)
- Motion to Approve Lian Zhao (Brown, second Zhang)
  - Motion passed unanimously
- Motion to Approve Tzipora Halevi (Brown, second Shankar)
  - Motion passed unanimously
- Motion to approve Ronak Etemadpour (Brown, second Shankar)
  - Motion passed unanimously
- Motion to not approve Wolf Kohn – membership committee felt that he hasn’t had involvement with students or faculty at the Graduate Center. He has not taught a course at the Graduate Center for many years but lists on CV as a Graduate Center employee. Passed Unanimously.
- Motion to approve Alex Ryba (Brown, second Zhang)
  - Motion passed (4 Yay, 1 Abstention)
• Motion for membership committee to reconsider Alex Ryba’s application again
  o Motion passed, (8 Yay, 1 Abstention)

• Recruiting for PhD applicants at your campus
  o Provost wants more applicants given the number that are currently accepting. Last year we had about 64 applicants. Historic number of offers and number of acceptances are satisfactory. So far no applicants. Lev Manovich has created a flyer for the program to try to get more applicants. We need to try to get Bachelors and Masters students in CUNY to apply and advertise to other schools in the NYC area
  o Budget for advertising and recruiting $2500

• Mentoring
  o Setup in the bench sciences is that when they make an offer they can guarantee funding for 5 years from multiple sources (e.g., 2 year science fellowship and then 3 years funding from professor or adjunct guaranteed the Provost wants us to move in a direction to guarantee funding for students, for 5 years.
  o Faculty members are responsible for making sure their students have funding. Kelsey Horan suggested a required meeting where students and advisor can meet and talk about from where the funding for the next year is coming.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting – Motion Passed Unanimously at 12:26pm.