Revised Procedure for Membership on the Doctoral Faculty for Consortial Faculty

The appointment of full-time CUNY faculty as members of the doctoral faculty confers full rights and duties. These involve (but are not limited to): teaching graduate seminars; supervising dissertations, prospectuses, and qualifying papers (QPs); serving on dissertation and prospectus committees; examining QPs; voting for members of the EC; serving on committees, including the EC; serving in administrative roles; and having Graduate Center library and internet access.

There are presently severe limitations on the number of teaching units available for consortial faculty. Given these limitations, adding all of the excellent and highly qualified college faculty members to the doctoral faculty is not feasible without making the duties consortial faculty are conferred overwhelm the opportunities that are meant to accompany them. It is with these considerations in mind that we, the Executive Committee, of the Philosophy Program, adopt the following procedures for membership on the doctoral faculty.

(i) While applications for membership are not solicited, college faculty with an interest in membership can notify the EO who will pass these along to the Membership Committee (MC). Central faculty and graduate students can also send nominations for new consortial faculty members to the EO to be conveyed to the MC. A date for nominations and expressions of interest will be determined by the EO.

(ii) The MC will meet annually to determine whether to grow the consortial faculty. If the MC determines that increasing membership in the consortial faculty would be in the interest of the program, the MC committee will determine who to recommend for membership by relying on the following criteria from the Graduate Center Governance, Policies, and Procedures on Faculty Membership to Doctoral Programs:

1. A determination that the faculty member will make a significant contribution relevant to the needs of the program, and
2. Evidence of significant research relevant to the program, or
3. Evidence of qualification to teach a course or provide other graduate-level training, or
4. Evidence of qualification to supervise dissertations, theses, or other graduate-level research.

In order to allow for a range of voices and considerations to be brought to bear on the MC’s recommendation, the MC will solicit feedback from graduate students and faculty on potential candidates.

(iii) The MC will present recommendations, if any, for consortial faculty to the EC along with justification for why the individual(s) being put forward were selected. The EC will vote on these for approval. A written nomination for any approved candidates will then be sent to the Provost.