

For Information

PROGRAM STANDING COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE

The general rule at the Graduate Center is that meetings of the Program Executive Committees and their Standing Committees may be attended by the program's doctoral faculty members and the program's matriculated students (without vote and without voice unless authorized by the committee at that meeting). For personnel actions the Committee "including elected alternates" shall meet in executive session, and on actions with regard to individual students only program faculty members may be present.

At the Graduate Center executive committees operate their program's affairs between stated meetings of the faculty (3.5B) which meet not less than once a year (6.3A) and are elected by their faculty and students as determined by the program's governance structure.

Under the Open Meeting Law and the Perez decision (Perez v CUNY, N.Y. Ct. of Appeals, Nov. 17, 2005) timely notice of meetings and their agendas should be available to program faculty members and students. The Structure Committee holds that 2 weeks provides for an ample notice period. Programs should take steps to provide advance announcements of meeting times, rooms, and agendas for annual doctoral faculty meetings and all meetings of the program's standing committees (3.6).

All meetings at the Graduate Center operate under Robert's Rules of Order (3.2E). References above are to the Governance of The Graduate School. May, 2008.

Structure Committee of The Graduate Council
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