

New York City College of Technology
Interdisciplinary Committee Membership Policy
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The Interdisciplinary Committee (IDC) will be composed of faculty members interested in the development of interdisciplinary courses at New York City College of Technology (City Tech). Members of the IDC will be from the three schools at the College.

The IDC comprises the following existing members: Reneta D. Lansiquot (Founding Chair), Monica Berger (LIB), Reginald A. Blake (PHYS), Gwen Cohen Brown (DEN), Candido Cabo (CST), Justin Davis (HUM), Urmi Ghosh-Dastidar (MAT), Aida Egues (NUR), Laina Karthikeyan (BIO), Ezra Halleck (MAT), Paul C. King (ARCH), Jean E. Kubeck Hillstrom (PSY), Robert Leston (ENG), Janet Liou-Mark (MAT), Sean P. MacDonald (ECON), Sheila Miller (MAT), Laureen Park (PHIL), Kara Pasner (VCT), Johannah Rodgers (ENG), David B. Smith (ENT), Olufemi Sodeinde (BIO), Selwyn A. Williams (BIO), and Andleeb Zameer (BIO).

For logistical purposes, membership in the IDC will be capped at 24 voting members and 8 non-voting members. There shall be no more than two members of the IDC from the same department. If a department already has two members on the IDC committee, then additional faculty from that department can only serve as a non-voting member.

If more than two IDC meetings are missed in a given semester without an adequate reason (e.g., the faculty member is teaching, at a conference, sick, or must attend an Appointments or Ad Hoc Committee meeting), the faculty will be reconsidered for membership on the IDC.

Faculty interested in becoming a voting member of the IDC can do so if the number of IDC members is below 24 and if there are less than two members from their department in the IDC. If those circumstances do not apply, the faculty member can join the IDC as a non-voting member. Non-voting members can become voting members when there is a voting-member opening in the IDC.

There shall be 24 IDC voting members. Additional members will be considered as non-voting members. To ensure that all full-time faculty at City Tech are given an opportunity to participate in the IDC, there will be a term limit of three years. Every year, no more than one-third of the IDC will be replaced to ensure that at least two-thirds of the IDC are experienced members. An IDC member who has already served for three years may reapply after one year. To ensure continuity, the aforementioned existing members can serve three years from this semester before the term limits start. At the end of these three years, one-third of these members will need to retire to start the cycle. If membership falls below 24, with no additions, then current members may continue to serve.

Faculty interested in serving will alert the Chair of the IDC. If there are no available positions, then their name will go onto a waiting list. When a position opens, the first member on the list is evaluated; if there is an opening from that department, then they are offered the position. If an individual does not accept, he or she is removed from the list and the next in line is offered, until the position(s) are filled.

A three-fifths majority of the voting IDC members is needed to make amendments to the foundational rules outlined in this document.