Communication from Co-Chairs of the Faculty Advisory Committee on NYU's Global Network

TO: School Deans, Academic Program Directors, and Department Chairs

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In the coming months, the Faculty Advisory Committee on the Global Network, which we co-chair, will continue to seek information from schools, departments and programs about various proposals and initiatives emanating from the Office of Global Programs, many of which respond to the widely-acknowledged need for deeper engagement of NYU departments, units, and faculty with the global sites.

Since our committee has been one conduit for identifying and articulating this need, we hope to follow and assess the proposed changes carefully, and we ask that you communicate your experience with them to us as fully as you possibly can.

In our preliminary report to the university last May, we mentioned anecdotal evidence that the tight timetable the Office of Global Programs had set for itself last year did not permit the kind of thorough consultation it sought across all departments and schools. Linda Mills (Vice-Chancellor for Global Programs and University Life) and Matthew Santirocco (Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs), who are facilitating this process (and with whom we meet regularly) have assured us that there will be an extended schedule for departments and schools to consider formal partnerships and affiliations with the global sites.

In a memo dated September 19, 2013, Linda and Matthew describe this new timetable and other initiatives—notably the establishment of TEN SITE-SPECIFIC COMMITTEES— for broad faculty engagement in the global sites.

As you discuss this document within your schools, departments, or programs, the Faculty Advisory Committee would be very grateful if you would keep up apprised of any points of concern that arise, as well as—equally importantly—of developments you favor, things that are working well, and ideas you have for improvement.

Many thanks, and best wishes.