Faculty Advisory Committee on NYU’s Global Network

September 25, 2013 (9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

Meeting Notes

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN MEETING

Eliot Borenstein, Co-Chair
Una Chaudhuri, Co-Chair
Jose Alvarez, School of Law
Sylvain Cappell, Faculty Senators Council, Courant Institute, Mathematics
Jennifer Carpenter, Undergraduate Academic Advisory Committee, Stern School
Andrea Chambers, SCPS
Jean-Louis Cohen, IFA
Patricia Corby, College of Dentistry
Michael Dinwiddie, Gallatin School
Richard Foley, Administrative liaison to the Committee (Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning)
Don Garrett, FAS (Philosophy)
Paul Glimcher, FAS (Neural Science)
Liliana Goldin, Silver School
Natasha Iskander, Wagner School of Public Service
Sameer Jaywant, Student representative
Zhong-Ping Ziang, NYU-Poly
Martin Klimke, NYU-AD
Fred Myers, FAS (Anthropology)
Charles Newman, Courant Institute
Robert Rowe, Steinhardt School
Mal Semple, FAS (Neural Science)
Joshua Tucker, FAS (Politics)
Nancy Van Devanter, College of Nursing
Keith Ross (in place of Joanna Waley-Cohen), NYU-Shanghai
Report on meeting

The meeting opened with the co-chairs’ introduction of the student representative, Sameer Jaywant, who was appointed to the Committee by the Student Senators Council.

Co-chairs Una Chaudhuri and Eliot Borenstein next led the committee through a discussion of future agenda topics and major issues to focus on during academic year 2013—2014. Possible items raised included, among others, topics concerning students (i.e., student enrollment, experience, circulation); governance of the global network; finances (i.e., business models and sources of funding for the different portals/sites, implications for NYUNY Schools); graduate programs in the global network; and academic freedom concerns, especially at the two portals.

Continuing the Reports of Three of the Five Subcommittees:

To reiterate, subcommittees were established before the summer 2013 break in order to ensure the Committee makes progress during the summer, and to develop the ongoing agenda for plenary discussion during academic year 2013-2014. The five subcommittees are:

1. Subcommittee on the development of curriculum at the sites
2. Subcommittee on curricular collaboration between NY and the portals
3. Subcommittee on graduate programs and faculty research in the global network
4. Subcommittee on departmental involvement in the growth of the global network
5. Subcommittee on student experience of the global network

The subcommittees distributed reports to the plenary Committee at the end of summer on their agendas, goals, and progress to date. The first three subcommittees discussed their work and reports during the September 12, 2013 meeting. During this meeting, the Subcommittee on graduate programs and faculty research continued from where they had left off last time. They were followed by the Subcommittee on departmental involvement in the growth of the global network.

As noted in the September 12 meeting summary, the report on the subcommittee on graduate programs and faculty research in the global network was formed by Patricia Corby, Paul Glimcher, Nancy Van DeVanter, Fred Myers, Gbenga Ogedegbe, Liliana Goldin, and Zhong Ping Jiang. As of September, Niobe Way, Natasha Iskander, Don Garrett, and Sylvain Cappell joined this subcommittee. This group met six times, with a seventh meeting planned for October; meetings included interviews with academic departments and administrative units in the development of the Global Network. Its ongoing work focuses on questions around the University’s strategic vision of the faculty research and graduate programs across the Global Network – including the strategic goals of central administration for graduate education and research at NYU-AD and NYU-SH; sources of funding for the different portals/sites; current infrastructure in terms of facilities and administration to support the involvement of faculty and graduate research in the Global Network; and faculty recruitment. One of the main goals of the subcommittee is to clarify and provide an overview of graduate education/teaching and research at the portals (with sites to be taken on as well during the academic year).
The report of the subcommittee on departmental involvement in the growth of the global network was developed by Jennifer Carpenter, Una Chaudhuri, Patricia Corby, Lucinda Covert-Vail, Natasha Iskander, and Vicki Morwitz. The main goals defined at the outset of this subcommittee’s work include: 1) exploring what departments need in order to get involved in the Global Network; 2) to identify ways of helping departments digest/process the information that has already been posted on the Committee’s website. During the summer, members of this subcommittee held a series of meetings with chairs of departments in the College of Dentistry, College of Nursing, and the Stern School of Business. They will be meeting with chairs of other schools in the months ahead, as well as devising a questionnaire for departments. Two memos from Co-Chairs Borenstein and Chaudhuri to department chairs have alerted departments that further contacts with them, and requests for information and input from them, are planned for this semester.

The subcommittee on student experience will report in an upcoming meeting. The subcommittees overall will continue to report their findings to the plenary committee throughout the year.

The next meeting on October 10, 2013 will include guest speakers Alfred Bloom (Vice Chancellor, NYU AD) and Fabio Piano (Provost, NYUAD). The committee prepared for this visit by identifying topics they would most like to have addressed by the visitors. A list of these topics will be sent to the visitors in advance of the meeting.