Date: March 26, 2015

Memo to: John Sexton, President
        David W. McLaughlin, Provost

From: Ann Marie Mauro
      Chairperson, N/C-Faculty Senators Council
      A/Y 2014-2015

Subject: N/C-Faculty Senators Council Resolution regarding Academic Freedom

At the March 24, 2015 meeting of the N/C-Faculty Senators Council, the attached resolution was approved.

cc: Linda Mills, Vice Chancellor for Global Programs and University Life
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N/C-FSC Resolution regarding Academic Freedom
Approved 3/24/15

At the March 24, 2015 meeting of the N/C-Faculty Senators Council, the Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution:

Preamble: We are given to understand from both the university administration and from faculty representatives at NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU Shanghai that no member of NYU visiting NYUAD or NYUSH, or resident therein, has to date been subject to any restrictions on academic freedom. We also recognize the rights of sovereign states to independently conduct their immigration and entry policies.

Whereas, the practice of arbitrarily denying visas and/or imposing travel restrictions may be imposed by countries, including the United States;

Whereas, it is understood that the denial of visas or implementation of travel restrictions may not be morally equivalent in all cases, and genuine security concerns may make it difficult for governments to publicly explain their actions;

Be it resolved, that the NYU Full-Time Non-Tenure Track Contract Faculty Senators Council strongly condemns any restrictions on visas or travel by any foreign or domestic entity as a means to curtail academic freedom.