



# NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

**Faculty Advisory Committee on the Global Network**  
**Tuesday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**  
**President's Conference Room (Bobst Library, 12th Floor)**

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## *Meeting Notes*

### **MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN MEETING**

**Eliot Borenstein**, FAS (Russian & Slavic Studies) *Co-Chair*  
**Una Chaudhuri**, FAS (English) and Tisch (Drama) *Co-Chair*  
**Joyce Apsel**, Global Liberal Studies  
**Ruth Ben-Ghiat**, FAS (Italian Studies)  
**Sylvain Cappell**, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (Mathematics)  
**Jennifer Carpenter**, Stern School of Business  
**Andrea Chambers**, SCPS (Design-Publishing)  
**Lucinda Covert-Vail**, Libraries  
**Richard Foley**, Administrative Liaison to the Committee (Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning)  
**Don Garrett**, FAS (Philosophy)  
**Liliana Goldin**, Silver School of Social Work  
**Natasha Iskander**, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service  
**Victoria Morwitz**, Stern School of Business  
**Charles Newman**, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (Mathematics)  
**Gbenga Ogedegbe**, School of Medicine (Population Health and Medicine);  
Global Institute for Public Health  
**Robert Rowe**, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development (Music & Music Education)  
**Gail Segal**, Tisch School of the Arts (Graduate Film)  
**Mal Semple**, NYU Sydney (FAS, Neural Science)  
**Joshua Tucker**, FAS (Politics)  
**Joanna Waley-Cohen**, NYU Shanghai (FAS, History)

## Report on Meeting

Co-chairs Eliot Borenstein and Una Chaudhuri opened the meeting by thanking committee members who had submitted sections for the draft of the end-of-year report. The committee then proceeded to discuss the new draft.

In the discussion that followed, numerous points were made about what was important to include in the report as well as about the committee's work next year, including the following:

- The report should make clear that the primary charge to the committee was to work on improving GNU, given its current structure.
- Next year's committee should seek clarification on exactly what financial information needs to be kept confidential, with the goal of making available to faculty all information that doesn't have to be kept confidential.
- There was also a discussion of how next year's committee (or representatives from it) might be able to receive private briefings from the University's financial officers about budgetary matters that have to remain confidential.
- The successor committee next year will be able to request budgets for individual sites, since this information is going to be provided to the site-specific committees. In evaluating such information, it will be important to keep in mind is that while the whole system needs to be self-sustaining, not every specific site needs to be.
- It may be useful for next year's committee to try to summarize financial information about the net balance of global related resources flowing into and out of the Square.
- The report should acknowledge the potential risks as well as potential benefits that Global has to NYU's brand and reputation, since brand and reputation themselves have substantial financial implications for the University.
- Committee members would like next year to continue the discussion of the overall value and costs of the GNU to NYU.
- Committee members recognized the importance of acknowledging in the report the tensions, lack of consensus, and range of views on the global network but were also concerned that the tone of the report be balanced; the document should reflect there are also those who think the GNU is good for NYU's students and its brand.
- There was a suggestion that there is significant potential for fundraising from students (alumni) who have studied globally, since the global experience tends to be something that students remember as a highlight of their time at NYU.
- This year's committee does not have enough time to gather new information or add new substantive areas to the draft report, but it can add items for the successor committee to pursue.
- Several members suggested that the committee next year should devote time to developing clear metrics for the global network, which could then be closely monitored.
- As the FSC's Global Network committee may also be issuing a report, it is important to acknowledge that although the two committees worked closely together, their charges and foci are different.

Committee members agreed that the executive summary should include bullets with hyperlinks to the report highlights and that there may be instances where we want to repeat points or move them if they get lost. Eliot and Una agreed to circulate a further revised draft prior to the next meeting.