Faculty Advisory Committee on the Global Network
Tuesday, December 2, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 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
Sylvain Cappell, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences
Patricia Corby, College of Dentistry
Lucinda Covert-Vail, Libraries
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 of Social Work
Chen Jian, NYU Shanghai
Ritty Lukose, Gallatin School of Individualized Study
Vicki Morwitz, Leonard N. Stern School of Business
Fred Myers, FAS (Anthropology)
Marianne Petit, NYU Shanghai
Arvind Rajagopal, Faculty Senators Council (Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development)
Robert Rowe, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Gail Segal, Tisch School of the Arts
Paul Smoke, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
Lisa Springer, School of Professional Studies
Joshua Tucker, FAS (Politics)
Niobe Way, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Report on Meeting

Co-chairs Una Chaudhuri and Eliot Borenstein opened the meeting by welcoming all members and circulating the original and revised version of the proposal for a new faculty title, “Global Network Faculty.”

1. The ensuing discussion of the proposal focused on an amendment suggested by the Provost, namely changing the following language:

“The Global Network Faculty status would not include any implications about the kind of contract (tenure-stream or contract-stream) the individual holds.”

to read as follows:

“Global Network Faculty status as a condition for hiring and promotion is intended for tenure-stream faculty and for Arts Professors; it would also be available to other full-time non-tenure-stream standing faculty at the portals, but there would be no expectation that the granting unit would be involved in the individual’s hiring, review, or promotion processes.”

In discussion of this proposed change, the following points were raised:

• It was suggested that Music Professors at Steinhardt should be included alongside Arts Professors at Tisch.
• The basic premise of the proposed title (that home departments/units in New York grant the “Global Network Faculty” title and status to colleagues in Abu Dhabi or Shanghai) was clarified.
• The main purposes of the new title (connectivity across Portals and consistency of terminology across schools) were clarified. It was noted that not only tenure-stream faculty but also contract faculty might like to be eligible for Global Network Faculty status.
• It was noted that the process described by the current proposal is binary and always includes a New York component; that is, it only covers Global Network Faculty title agreements between Abu Dhabi/New York and Shanghai/New York, not Abu Dhabi/Shanghai. It was agreed that this proposal can be further amended at a later date to allow for the Shanghai/Abu Dhabi connection, once the Portals develop further.
• It was proposed that for clarity’s sake, the phrase “would also be available to” in the revision should be changed to “could also be granted to.”
• Co-chairs Una Chaudhuri and Eliot Borenstein will present the revised proposal at the meeting of Deans with Provost on December 17, 2014. It was suggested that, in addition to this consultation with New York deans, the proposal also be brought to the attention of NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU Shanghai leadership for their input.
• The committee unanimously agreed on the following revised version of the point in question above (to be approved by the Provost, and then presented as outlined above):

“Global Network Faculty status as a condition for hiring and promotion is intended for tenure-stream faculty and for Arts Professors and Music Professors;
it could also be granted to other full-time non-tenure-stream standing faculty at the portals, but there would be no expectation that the granting unit would be involved in the individual’s hiring, review, or promotion processes.”

2. Next, the committee discussed the organization and composition of its Subcommittees, beginning in Spring 2015. Co-chairs Una Chaudhuri and Eliot Borenstein proposed the following subcommittees:

1. Subcommittee on Masters Programs and Certificates
2. Subcommittee on Doctoral Programs
3. Subcommittee on Research in the Global Network
4. Subcommittee on Labor Issues (joint with the Tenured/Tenure Track Faculty Senators Council’s Global Network University Initiatives Subcommittee)
5. Subcommittee on Finances
6. Subcommittee on Student Experience

The committee raised the following points in discussion of these proposed subcommittees:

• It was suggested that, since doctoral programs in the global network are at a relatively nascent stage, this issue be folded into the work of another subcommittee.
• It was suggested that the Labor Issues committee should be a joint committee with the global sub-committee of the Faculty Senators Council.
• It was also suggested that there be a subcommittee on Global Sites.
• It was agreed that all subcommittees should keep in mind the importance of connectivity and communication between different kinds of global committees and initiatives across NYU.

The committee unanimously agreed on the following slightly revised list of subcommittees:

1. Subcommittee on Masters and Certificate Programs
2. Subcommittee on Research, and Doctoral Programs
3. Subcommittee on Student Experience
4. Subcommittee on Labor Issues (joint with the Faculty Senators Council’s Global Network University Initiatives Subcommittee)
5. Subcommittee on Finances
6. Subcommittee on Sites

It was agreed that all committee members should be expected to participate in a subcommittee starting in Spring 2015. Committee members will send in their preferences to the co-chairs by January so assignments can be made accordingly.

3. The committee discussed the following ideas for topics to be discussed at Spring 2015 meetings:

• Meeting with NYU Abu Dhabi faculty
• Meeting with NYU Shanghai faculty
• Discussion with Deputy Provost Katy Fleming on the Provost’s Global Research Initiatives (partial meeting) and other research programs
• Labor issues at both NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU Shanghai

In addition, all committee members were asked to solicit any issues, concerns, and potential agenda items from their respective schools and units.

It was noted that the committee’s meetings previously scheduled for December 22, 2014 and January 7, 2015 will be canceled. The committee’s next meeting will take place on January 29, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned.