MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN MEETING

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Report on Meeting

The meeting began by re-capping the discussions from the previous meeting on January 8 in light of a recent email correspondence between Co-Chairs Una Chaudhuri and Eliot Borenstein and Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Science, Tom Carew. It was decided that the letter sent to Dean Carew would serve as a draft, with its recommendations to be updated and edited by the committee over the course of the spring semester’s discussions and incorporated into the committee’s report at the end of the semester.

The committee then turned to preparing for Provost David McLaughlin’s visit at the February 4 meeting and in particular to discussing which issues were most pertinent to bring to his attention. Among the issues that the committee wished the Provost to address were the following: the need to develop a consistent but also flexible set of procedures across the schools in NY governing their roles in searching, hiring, and tenuring faculty at the portal campuses; the desirability of maintaining the current prerogatives of NY departments in deciding whether to affiliate with faculty outside their departments; the issue of whether it is appropriate to think of portal campuses as being analogous to schools in NY, and if so, what the implications of this are for the academic operations of the campuses; the rationale for insisting that tenured and tenure track faculty at the portals be affiliated with a graduate program in NY; the appropriate administrative structure for the Office of Global Programs; plans to expand the global sites (new sites, additional students, additional freshmen, etc.); and the financial stability of the sites (these issues had also been addressed in Martin Dorph’s presentation to the committee, a copy of which is posted on the committee website).

The committee next turned its attention to the section of the “guiding principles” document that makes proposals about graduate student movement between Graduate School of Arts and Science and NYU Abu Dhabi. It was immediately recognized that it shouldn’t be automatically assumed that the proposals in this section would be acceptable for other schools. It was also pointed out that two of models mentioned in the section (short term training opportunities and semester long dissertation research) were already available for students interested in studying at other universities and hence no special rules would seem to be needed to extend these options to the portals (though funding issues did need to be clarified). Finally, with respect to a third option mentioned in that section (NYUAD tracks inside a NY graduate program), it was acknowledged that although this option might be attractive to some graduate programs in NY, other programs might not regard it as advantageous and if so, they should be free not to institute such tracks.