ATTENDANCE

Eliot Borenstein, Co-Chair, FAS (Russian and Slavic Studies)
Martin Klimke, Co-Chair, NYU Abu Dhabi
Ana Abraido-Lanza, College of Global Public Health
Sylvain Cappell, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (Mathematics)/
Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty Senators Council
Alexander Geppert, NYU Shanghai
Nicolas Graf, School of Professional Studies
Christian Haefke, NYU Abu Dhabi
Wen-Jui Han, Silver School of Social Work
Benjamin Hary, Global Sites
Sam Howard-Spink, Continuing Contract Faculty Senators Council (Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development)
Gavin Kilduff, Leonard N. Stern School of Business
Jung T. Kim, School of Medicine
Matthew Kleban, FAS (Physics)
Kristie Koenig, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development (Occupational Therapy)
Heather Lee, Assistant Professor, NYU Shanghai
Marilyn Moffat, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Daniel Perkins, Division of Libraries
Marianne Petit, Tisch School of the Arts
Gail Segal, Tisch School of the Arts
Paul Smoke, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
Carol Sternhell, FAS (Journalism)
Peter Voltz, Tandon School of Engineering
Paul Wachtel, Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee (Stern)
Jiawei Zhang, Leonard N. Stern School of Business
Una Chaudhuri, Tisch School of the Arts; FAS (English and Environmental Studies); NYU Abu Dhabi
Dick Foley, FAS (Philosophy)

MEETING MINUTES

Listening Session on the NYU Abu Dhabi Vice Chancellor Search

The committee co-chairs, Eliot Borenstein and Martin Klimke, began the meeting with introductions and welcomed the meeting’s guests, Professors Una Chaudhuri and Dick Foley, who are co-chairing the search committee for NYU Abu Dhabi’s Vice Chancellor. The search committee comprises 19 individuals (9 from NYU Abu Dhabi, 9 from NYU New York, and 1 from NYU Shanghai) and is working with a London-based search firm to identify candidates. Professors
Chaudhuri and Foley noted that the search committee’s task is twofold: the primary task is to identify a set of candidates to recommend to Andy Hamilton for his consideration; and the secondary task is to surface issues, opportunities and challenges so as to begin a discussion with the new vice chancellor about what to anticipate upon assuming leadership.

The search committee is still in the early stages but has already held listening sessions with faculty, staff and deans, all of which had large turnouts. They are looking at a diverse pool of candidates from all over the world, and Professors Chaudhuri and Foley encouraged people to email the search committee at NYUADVCsearch@nyu.edu if they had any candidates in mind. The search committee is hoping to put forth 3 to 5 candidates to Andy Hamilton in the spring semester for his consideration.

The committee thanked Professors Chaudhuri and Foley for discussing the search and raised several areas for consideration, including thinking of ways to increase faculty engagement both at NYU Abu Dhabi and between NYU New York and NYU Abu Dhabi. In addition, committee members discussed various qualifications that they felt would be important to the position of Vice Chancellor at NYU Abu Dhabi.

Coordinated Hiring Update

Eliot Borenstein informed the committee that the Provost’s office is still considering/thinking through its response to the committee’s recommendation regarding coordinated hiring. He is optimistic that there may be an announcement ready for the spring semester.

Status of Contract Faculty

The committee’s co-chairs noted that they have had preliminary discussions with the Provost’s office and individuals at NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU New York regarding the committee’s discussion in September on the status of contract faculty at NYU. The committee further discussed potential ways that it could facilitate a university-wide conversation while also respecting the existing governing bodies and committees in place (in both New York and Abu Dhabi and Shanghai) that oversee these areas. Ideas included serving as a conduit between the various committees throughout the global network; identifying larger issues in order to put forth recommendations and/or encourage a university-wide discussion; and/or focusing on issues that overlap with the committee’s charge, in particular as they relate to connectivity between the three campuses. The committee agreed that it would be beneficial to have consistency across the global network but also recognized the need to be flexible so that schools could pursue differentiated models that best suit their individual pedagogical and research needs. The committee decided to discuss further various ways it can create a baseline of information in order to begin identifying potential areas for consideration.