

C-FSC GNU Committee

Regular meeting Oct. 2, 2020, 8:30 am ET

Meeting by Zoom

Report for C-FSC, submitted by committee chair, Jon Ritter

The committee approved the minutes of our October meeting, then discussed revisions to the Shanghai Affordability Report; the closure of the Paris LS program; Shanghai faculty concerns for the Spring semester; and the status of inclusion, diversity, and equity in the global network.

Monika Lin presented a draft revision of the Shanghai Affordability Report. which now focusses on discrepancies between housing support for Chinese Language Lecturers and other faculty groups at NYU-SH. The Shanghai Faculty Council will review the revised report and forward recommendations to our committee for our November meeting.

The committee then discussed the closure of the LS Freshman Away program in Paris, as well as the statement from the NYU Paris CSE and the petition currently circulating among faculty. Jon Ritter reported that the Provost's Faculty Committee on the GNU has requested further information about the rationale for the program closing, faculty consultation, and faculty reassignment or furlough. The committee awaits the response from the Provost and will reconsider this issue in November.

The committee then considered faculty concerns brought to our attention about the expectation that all faculty return to teach in-person in Shanghai for Spring 2021. In particular, some wish to continue to teach remotely, given visa, immigration, and quarantine requirements in China. After reviewing the Shanghai Provost's Nov. 2 email offering modifications on a case-by-case basis, the committee is cautiously optimistic that the administration will accommodate faculty concerns. The committee will monitor and follow up on faculty concerns at our next meeting. We understand that the C-FSC Steering Committee will follow up on this with Provost Fleming.

The committee then discussed initiatives for inclusion and diversity in the Global Network. Jon Ritter reported that Abu Dhabi has in place a number of resources, web pages, and support for initiatives and programs similar to the structures in New York. Shanghai has only a small, student-facing presence in this area, however. Committee chair Ritter will contact the C-FSC committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to discuss collaboration to support program and initiatives in the GNU.

Members in attendance: Lauren Davis, Monika Lin, William Owens, Christopher Packard, Jon Ritter, Xingyu Wang

Visitor: Agnes Tourin, C-FSC Steering Committee