

Report to: T-FSC and its Executive Committee for T-FSC meeting of Dec. 17, 2020
From: T-FSC Committee on the GNU (Global Network University) on its activity.

The T-FSC Committee on the Global Network University met on the late evening of Wednesday, Dec. 2.

At this meeting Prof. Alexander Geppert of NYU-Shanghai was unanimously elected Co-Chair of the Committee for this academic year.

The Committee reviewed several of the challenges consequent upon the pandemic with which the GNU network has been dealing. Some locales, particularly NYU-Shanghai, have served as an invaluable academic base for NYU students for whom returning this academic year to the States would have presented insuperable difficulties.

Some Committee members expressed interest in hearing about whether there had been any thought of considering contract faculty recently discharged from NYU-Paris for positions generated elsewhere in the GNU, e.g. in Shanghai where additional contract faculty had to be quickly hired. Some difficulties in that were discussed.

Difficulties encountered by faculty in some meetings through Zoom were discussed but the majority of the attendees said they felt this involved some issues with legal and technical aspects best considered by some other T-FSC Committees or by the Executive Committee.

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