

Reports of CFSC Global Network Committee and Faculty Senate on NYU's Global Network, submitted by Sam Howard-Spink on 2/16/18

The C-FSC Global Network committee held its first meeting of the Spring semester on February 15. In attendance were Chair Sam Howard-Spink, Scott Illingworth, Edward Kleinert, Pamela Pietro, Josh Paiz and Aysan Celik.

The committee continued its discussion of alcohol policies and faculty training regarding these policies across the portals. Members shared the specific student-facing policy documents produced by NYUAD and NYU Shanghai. The main concern that emerged was the lack of faculty training in how to deal with alcohol or drug-related incidents, especially in the different cultural and legal contexts across which NYU operates. Whereas students receive instructions on alcohol policy and their responsibilities during their initial orientation, there is no equivalent for faculty. One area of contention is the lack of clarity regarding the responsibilities or expectations of faculty in dealing with alcohol related student incidents. Whether such training is necessary, whether it should be formalized, and who would carry it out, remained unclear. We discussed who to approach about this problem, and both Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs were suggested. Aysan agreed to reach out to the Head of Health Promotion and the Dean of Students at AD, and Josh would broach the subject with the Director of Faculty Affairs in Shanghai, and report back to the committee in March. Scott and Pam also agreed to reach out to the Tisch Office of Faculty and Dean of Students to explore existing NYUNY expectations in these areas.

The committee also discussed the recent Mobility Statement from President Hamilton. It was agreed that various misconceptions about movement around the Global Network remained, and these were problematic to students and faculty across the portals and on the Square. It was suggested that the Committee generate a proposal/resolution/statement of support for students, in an effort to help resolve disagreements and confusion over actual NYU policy. Josh and Aysan agreed to draft this statement, which would in effect begin a dialogue on what we as Continuing Contract faculty can do that would benefit students in the GN in light of concerns around academic mobility.

The Faculty Senate on NYU's Global Network held a meeting on 2/6/18, with Sam Howard-Spink in attendance. The committee was joined by Zvi Ben-Dor Benite, Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Network Faculty Planning. Dr Benite has been appointed the "point person" moving forward for future incidents involving visa denials to faculty. He described the complexity facing the free movement of NYU students and faculty around the network, given there are 140 nationalities represented across the network itself. Proposals under discussion for tackling the issue include better communications between campuses, and developing protocols for preventing or dealing with similar incidents in future. The group also continued a discussion around Coordinated Hiring between the Square and the portals. It was felt that new departments and programs in the Global Network were developing their own identities, but there was an ongoing struggle over degrees of autonomy between them, the extent to which the demand for new faculty was driven by faculty themselves or Deans, and that a new "menu" of possible joint appointments and affiliations was necessary.