

NYU Madrid Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM New York/ (7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Abu Dhabi/4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Madrid)

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Attendees

- Lorena Llosa (Steinhardt – Teaching & Learning) - Chair
- Rob Lubar (NYU Madrid, Site Director)
- Janet Alperstein (Global Programs)
- Ascension Mejorado (Liberal Studies)
- Linda Mills (Provost Office)
- Tyra Liebmann (Global Programs)
- Marianne Petit (ACV Global Academic Planning; Tisch - ITP)
- Jeff Timmons (NYU Abu Dhabi) * - Calling in remotely
- Gabriela Basterra (CAS - Spanish & Portuguese)
- Miriam M Basilio (FAS - Art History)
- Sophie Gonick (CAS - SCA)
- Sunder Narayanan (Stern)
- Thomas C Ertman (CAS - Sociology/ CORE)
- Janet Esclamado (Global Programs)

NYU Madrid Fall 2018 SSAC Notes

Introductions & Announcements

Lorena Llosa opened the meeting with committee member introductions.

Linda Mills announced NYU Madrid Site Director Rob Lubar's departure, thanking Rob for his leadership for the past five years. Rob will be returning to Washington Square in July 2019. She then went on to explain that the search for a new Site Director is now open. While the Site Director position would start in Fall of 2019, it would be ideal to have someone in place in Spring to overlap with Rob. The search announcement was shared with the committee and an electronic version was distributed after the meeting.

Janet Alperstein announced that the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the agency that oversees NYU's accreditation, has approved the move to the new building. NYU Madrid will move to the new facility in January 2019.

Site Director Report

Rob shared that everything is working well. He mentioned a new Spring 2019 course that will be taught by Maria Lopez called Madrid: Urban Visions sponsored by the Sociology department about urbanism as a hopeful new sociology pathway. The lecturers who teach the course Madrid Stories, documentary filmmakers Almudena Carracedo and Robert Bahar, won prizes in Berlin and are slated to win a Goya for their documentary. There will be a film screening November 16th, 2018 for students at NYU Madrid.

Clusters (current/new)

- The decision to discontinue MA programs by GSAS due to low enrollment was difficult however alternative teaching posts were found for almost everyone who taught in those programs.

Co-Curricular Engagement and Equity, Diversity, Belonging and Inclusion (EDBI)

- A series of 10 lectures titled “Perspectives Madrileñas,” was started by the NYU Madrid Student Government.
- Student Government forms several weeks after student arrival so students can get to know each other better. There is a representative from the Student Senators Council that helps get the student government off the ground.
- The Global Equity Fellow works with the Student Government to promote IDBE efforts.
- A 3-hour time slot when no classes are offered has been saved for on-campus programming.

Local Engagement

- After a symposium was held at NYUAD on Islam and Spain, a networked faculty research group was formed.
- A Miro and Poetry Seminar is planned for Paris in November 2019 with a book publication by the co-organizers of the symposium Rob Lubar, NYU Madrid and Rémi Labrusse, Université de Paris, Nanterre to follow in Spring 2020. This seminar is in conjunction with Fundació Miró in Barcelona, the Open University of Catalunya, NYU Paris, and the GRI.
- GovLab, founded by Beth Noveck who has a joint appointment with NYU (Tandon) and Harvard, is partnering with the Mayor’s Office of Madrid on a project called Medialab Prado to expand the idea of urban democracy in Spain. NYU Madrid will be housing this program for the first three years.
- The Rey Juan Carlos I Foundation will put on four high profile public lectures involving GovLab and GovLab Prado and are planned for February, March, April, and May 2019.
- A lecture is planned for August 2019 with prominent Art Historian Estrella de Diego in the auditorium of the Museo Thyssen, with a small reception at NYU Madrid immediately following.

New Building for NYU Madrid Academic Center facilities:

- The inauguration of the new NYU Madrid Academic Center will take place in Fall 2019 coordinated with Katherine Fleming, NYU Provost.
- The new site can hold up to 300 people (approximately) with an initial enrollment target of 200 students. For Spring 2019, 153 students have been admitted, which represents an approximate 30% increase in students overall, with 40% of students being Stern students.
- The largest classroom in the new facility is a large double room that is approximately 600 square feet with a 60 seat maximum capacity. Most other classrooms have a capacity of between 30-40 seats.
- GRI conference room fits 12 people plus three other seminar rooms.

- There are 13 classrooms and several have video conferencing capabilities.
- There is a classroom with 12 computers which can be used as an overflow room if the computers in the library are in use. This overflow room could also be used for future computer courses.
- On December 17th, the Madrid Local Licensing should be approved, which would allow us to move into the new space immediately. However, it was planned to have two extra months in Segre to allow time to prepare and move.
- Unlike the patio at Segre, there is no usable outside space at the new facility.

Program Evaluations

Rob noted that program evaluations continue to demonstrate strong overall satisfaction levels including satisfaction with the academic rigor.

Site/Staffing Updates

- New Psychologist has been there for a year now and is very successful.
- New Housing Coordinator is doing very well.
- NYU Madrid is still being considered to host Liberal Studies Freshmen but this would not be until Fall 2020.
- NYU Madrid will be hosting approximately 15 Cross Continental MPH students in Spring 2020 as part of the new Cross Continental MPH-Spanish track where students study in DC, Buenos Aires and then Madrid.
- The first round of GRI with about 10 slots will begin at the new center in March 2019 providing a greater intellectual presence for lecturers and students.

The committee discussed the closing of the Masters programs by GSAS that were sponsored by the Spanish Department. While Global offered to hold a lunch to brainstorm ideas for new programs and how to plan for successful programs, it was also clarified that departments on the square drive the academic curriculum at the sites, together with Graduate Studies inside each school.

Data Packet

Janet Alperstein went through the data packet and noted that NYU Madrid is hosting students from a wide variety of schools with good representation from smaller programs. The number of juniors enrolled in the fall and the number of sophomores enrolled in the spring are down compared to last year. The trend that students add majors and minors in Spanish language after they return from the semester or year in Madrid continues.

Janet mentioned that there are several schools who have identified courses at the global sites that count as CORE substitutions for their students. Since CAS students receive priority registration for CORE courses, this CORE substitution list allows students to choose from a wider variety of classes that count for their major. The CORE substitutions list has been more widely publicized this year and has shown to improve enrollment in some courses. Janet mentioned that other schools or departments may want to review the global courses to see if

there are courses that could count for their majors/minors and can be an incentive for more students to study way.

The average classroom enrollment at NYU Madrid is between 8-10 students while language courses have a cap of 12 students for study away. Course cancellations can occur due to low-enrollment; low-enrolled courses that are major requirements are re-structured as tutorials. Spanish language is required for all students studying at NYU Madrid.

The new Urbanism course is being taught in Spanish because the instructor is not comfortable teaching in English. The course Spain and EU is offered in English one semester and in Spanish the second semester. The SPAN-UA 9371 Cervantes Spanish literature course is now offered in Spring and Fall.

Next Steps

A search announcement for the Site Director opening will be circulated by the provost's office.