

NYU London Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2018

Confirmed Attendees:

- Laura Levine (Tisch - Chair)
- Paul Wachtel (Stern - Chair)
- Momette Broderick (FAS Art History)
- Clay Curtis (FAS - Psychology)
- Gregory Erickson (Gallatin)
- PJ Henry (NYU Abu Dhabi)
- Courtney Hopf (NYU London)
- Yulia Kovas (NYU London)
- Eric Sneddon (NYU London)
- Lamar Sanders (Tisch)
- Lorcan Folan (Tandon)
- Almaz Zelleke (NYU Shanghai)
- Tyra Liebmann (Global Programs)
- Marianne Petit (Global Programs / Tisch / NYU Shanghai)
- Janet Alperstein (Global Programs)
- Linda Mills (Global Programs and University Life)

Announcements

Eric Sneddon, NYU London Acting Director for Fall 2018 and Associate Director since 2009, will be retiring in 2019. The committee thanked Eric Sneddon for his many years of service at NYU London. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership during his tenure.

Site Director Report

Eric Sneddon presented highlights from his fall report that was submitted to the committee. Enrollment at NYU London remains strong with 407 students this fall (including MA and undergraduate students) and approximately 510 - 520 expected in spring 2019. This year's enrollment of 13 in the MA program in Historical and Sustainable Architecture is up from an enrollment of six students in 2017-18.

A new two credit class - *Food, Culture & Globalization* - is running successfully in fall 2018 and will be offered again in spring and future semesters.

Engagement with the local community continues to be a priority for NYU. NYU London is collaborating with Birkbeck College, University of London to offer two Legal Studies courses in Spring 2019. This is just the first step in an initiative to collaborate in a range of disciplines with Birkbeck. NYU London is also launching a new course this spring in collaboration with National Film and Television School (NFTS). The course will be taught by a prominent director for ten students. Collaborations with local academic partners such as Birkbeck and the NFTS allow students to integrate more fully into the local academic community. These partnerships also

offer NYU London a sustained relationship with local institutions and offer approaches to faculty hiring. If other departments see opportunities for engagement with partner institutions they are encouraged to raise these ideas with Global Programs for exploration.

Potential collaboration with NFTS and NYU Drama students in London was discussed. The NFTS program is currently limited to film students that will be working with local British actors and casting directors, however there may be opportunities for collaboration with the existing drama programs at NYU London in the future. It was noted that Birkbeck and RADA have a joint MA program. Global Programs will look into this as another possible area of collaboration.

As can be seen in the full director report, NYU London also remains committed to addressing other university priorities related to Identity, Diversity, Belonging, and Equity (IDBE), sustainability, and affordability issues.

Program Evaluations

Spring 2018 was a successful term in terms of student satisfaction. Anecdotal feedback during the semester from students was positive and the evaluation seemed to confirm this. IDBE efforts continue and have been successful thus far.

Library usage information is being gathered to better inform budgeting and feedback on engagement efforts. NYU London is partnering with Senate House library to get better data on how frequently NYU students use the library to determine the effectiveness of this joint effort.

Enrollment Data Review

A Fall / Spring enrollment imbalance continues with spring enrollments significantly higher compared to fall. There has been a slight downturn of sophomore enrollments at the site. The NYU London student body has grown more diverse over time both in area of study, demographics, and international students. NYU London continues to have conversations with faculty on how best to adjust teaching methods and be sensitive to teaching a diverse group of students.