

## **NYU London Advisory Committee Meeting**

**October 2, 2014**

### **Attendees:**

- Nick Boggs (FAS - English)
- Momette Broderick (FAS – Art History)
- Clay Curtis (FAS - Psychology)
- Tim Dore (NYU Abu Dhabi)
- Chris Flinn (FAS – Economics)
- James Fraser (Steinhardt)
- PJ Henry (NYU Abu Dhabi)
- Laura Levine (Tisch)
- David Ludden (FAS -History)
- Linda Mills (Global Programs)
- Nancy Morrison (Global Programs)
- James Polchin (Liberal Studies)
- Gary Slapper (NYU London)
- Paul Thompson (Tisch)
- Paul Wachtel (Stern)
- Vincent-Wayne Mitchell (NYU London)

### **1. Committee Business**

#### **Faculty Chairs**

Paul Wachtel and Laura Levine were nominated to serve as co-chairs of the committee; both agreed.

#### **Affiliations**

The committee discussed whether or not to include affiliate schools/departments in future meetings. The committee decided affiliate participation may be helpful when discussing curriculum. Affiliate schools/departments could be given the option of joining a meeting on that topic or providing written input.

#### **AY 15/16 Course Lists**

The committee reviewed the course lists for Academic Year 15/16 with an eye toward any inaccuracies, redundancies, or potential synergies.

Members discussed integrating cohort planning into course offerings to be sure that the courses at the site were appropriate for students' academic plan.

## **Enrollment**

Members discussed enrollment capacity at NYU London, noting that classroom space, housing space, and staffing resources currently limit the number of students NYU London can accept each semester; however there may be opportunities for growth in the future.

The committee discussed the Liberal Studies (LS) program at NYU London. LS freshmen have three core courses they are required to take at NYU London and are then allowed one elective course. Members discussed ways to allow LS freshmen to use their one elective to make progress toward a major. Global Programs will come back to the committee with additional information on which elective courses are currently most popular with the LS freshmen at NYU London.

## **Opportunities for Faculty and Graduate Students**

Working closely with the Faculty Advisory Committee on the Global Network and Global School Liaisons, the Office of Global Programs has developed a process for NYUNY faculty to propose short-term visits to the global sites. The central purpose of the visit will be to strengthen a school or department's academic relationship with the site. Faculty who wish to apply for travel funds should work with their department chair and Global School Liaison to obtain sign-off, and with the site to accommodate the timing of their proposed visit given all that is going on at a site at any given time. Pre-existing curricular conversations are not necessary when applying for funding, but the objective of the trip should be focused on furthering a school or department's academic connections with the site. Funds can also be used to look at ways to partner with local institutions or programs. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.nyu.edu/faculty/faculty-in-the-global-network/ny-faculty/teaching-at-the-global-sites.html>

If faculty are looking to conduct research or conference activities at the global sites, funds are available through the University's Global Research Initiatives: <https://www.nyu.edu/research/provosts-global-research-initiatives.html>

Finally, the newly-developed Global Faculty Fund (GFF) provides opportunities for site faculty to enhance the courses they teach, establish multi-site projects, pursue professional development opportunities, and travel to New York to strengthen relationships with their schools and departments. In order to take advantage of the GFF, local faculty will develop proposals that will be reviewed by a committee consisting of: one Site Director, one faculty member from a (different) global site, and two faculty members from New York who are currently serving on Site-Specific Advisory Committees representing another two global sites. Members were enthusiastic about the opportunity to bring local faculty to New York to meet with colleagues in their departments. Further information on the GFF can be found here: <https://www.nyu.edu/content/dam/nyu/provost/documents/faculty-global-network/GFFw.letterhead9.23.14.pdf>

## **Financial Aid Opportunities**

All admitted study away undergraduate students who will receive a degree from NYU in New York applying for financial aid will be automatically evaluated for an additional need-based award: the Global Pathways Scholarship (GPS) is up to \$4,000 per semester (depending on demonstrated need) to cover

the additional costs of studying away. Students will receive an award notification beginning in June (for fall semester) and in November (for spring semester). Students follow the regular Office of Financial Aid process for applying for need based aid.

## **2. Update from Site Director**

Gary Slapper provided members with the following update:

- Since the last committee meeting, NYU London has hosted 83 courses, in addition to hosting distinguished NYU researchers and PhD students, and delivering a wide range of student life events.
- NYU London was reviewed by both the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the UK's Quality Assurance Agency, and received the highest marks from both.
- NYU London launched the following new courses:
  - *Global Fashion Industry: London* debuted as the third course in a trio of courses that form Gallatin's new fashion programme
  - *Global Public Health's Health and Society*
  - *Multifaith Leadership in the 21st Century*, taught by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks
  - *Art History's London Museums*
- The rich cultural program offered by NYU London Student Life has continued to develop. This last semester, the site offered 35 major separate events (e.g., visits to the Houses of Parliament, and the BBC).
- In May, NYU London hosted an Oxford and Cambridge Musical Club classical concert in collaboration with NYU London musicians led by Louisa Bahet. Students at NYU London are now permitted to join the Club as honorary members. Global Programs is exploring ways to bring Louisa's concert to Washington Square.
- NYU London co-hosted with Gallatin a symposium on Human Rights and Post-colonial Reparations. It was devised by Dr Vasuki Nesiah and Dr Pat McCreery, and included 22 participants from around the world.
- NYU London expanded its series of open lunchtime lectures by faculty, and hosted a selection of talks from leading British experts from diverse fields. The site also hosted two book launches of work produced by NYU London faculty.

## **3. Advising**

The committee briefly reviewed the PowerPoint presentation on advising, which had been distributed earlier to members, and discussed best practices. Members agreed that student endorsement through word-of-mouth is one of the most effective advising tactics. The Office of Global Programs runs a Global Ambassador Program, which allows students returning from study abroad to share their experiences with prospective students. Global Programs also works with the International Ambassador Program, an initiative of the Student Senators Council aimed at improving the student experience at the global sites.

Members also discussed developing a short film about study away opportunities that could be shown on NYU-TV and available on the web. It was also suggested that Global Programs identify opportunities to target freshman, perhaps by holding information sessions at freshmen dorms. Members also agreed that a more robust conversation was needed on how to advise undeclared students.

#### **4. Emergency Response Protocol**

In light of the suspension of classes this fall at NYU Accra and NYU Tel Aviv, the committee reviewed the University's emergency response protocols. When making these decisions, the Office of Global Programs consulted various members of the University community, including leadership at the global sites, the Office of Risk Management, the Student Health Center, HTH (the University's evacuation partner), and some members of the relevant Site-Specific Advisory Committees. The importance of faculty consultation during these decisions was underscored, and the faculty chairs can help provide guidance in this area going forward.

#### **5. Next Steps**

- Global Programs will provide information on the most popular electives at NYU London for LS freshmen
- Global Programs will provide information to the committee on GPS and opportunities for graduate students at the sites through GRI
- The committee will continue to discuss advising strategies