NYU Paris Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST
President’s Conference Room (Bobst 1218)

Attendees

- Alfred Galichon (NYU Paris Site Director)
- Aurora Wallace (Steinhardt – MCC; committee chair)
- Sana Odeh (Courant-Computer Science)
- Mosette Broderick (FAS – Art History)
- Michael Strevens (FAS – Philosophy)
- Laura Slatkin (Gallatin)
- Ron Sadoff (Steinhardt – Music & Performing Arts Professions)
- Ludovic Cortade (FAS – French)
- Anna McCarthy (Tisch – Cinema Studies)
- Almaz Zelleke (NYU Shanghai)
- Eliot Borenstein (FAS; Senior Academic Convenor for the Global Network)
- Linda Mills (Vice Chancellor and Senior Vice Provost for Global Programs and University Life)
- Nancy Morrison (Global Programs)
- Janet Alperstein (Global Programs)
- Chris Nicolussi (Global Programs)

Meeting Minutes

Aurora Wallace opened the meeting and noted that she will be stepping down as the committee chair. The committee expressed enthusiasm that Afrodesia McCannon would replace Aurora Wallace as the Paris SSAC chair beginning fall 2019.

Alfred Galichon, Site Director at NYU Paris, discussed new curricular developments and activities at the site, as detailed in his Site Director’s Report (see attached). In particular, Alfred Galichon highlighted several new cohorts of students at the site this past year (including Math and Computer Science students and MCC transfer students), new collaborations with local institutions to increase opportunities for local immersion, as well as developments to improve affordability (including adding less expensive housing options), sustainability and IDBE efforts. More information on the various housing options can be found on the NYU Paris Housing Module (see attached), as prepared by the student services team in Global Programs. The site has also made some changes to the layout of the academic center space, as noted in the report.
NYU Paris is excited to be hosting the 50th anniversary of its founding in September, which will include a photography exhibit, video interviews and a reflection of NYU Paris's history. The event will coincide with a visit by the President’s Global Council.

The committee also discussed different ways to incorporate research opportunities at the global sites, as well as different models of graduate programming. All of the global sites have site or academic directors who are research-active faculty, and the faculty leadership of Global Programs is in the process of thinking about how the site directors can strengthen and deepen research opportunities available to students. Some committee members expressed interest in determining whether it would be possible to offer independent studies to students as an alternative to the internship opportunities already offered. The committee also acknowledged that the Sciences often present more immediate opportunities for research participation than the Humanities, and that it is important for any activity to be structured in such a way as to be mutually beneficial for all students who are studying away.
Spring 2019 Site Director Report: NYU Paris

Spring 2019 has been an exciting semester so far for NYU Paris. The site has welcomed a cohort of 265 students, the highest number of students ever in Paris, and discussions with new partner universities are underway to expand on our computer science and math offerings. We have a new residence hall in the mix and new courses have been created. We are also preparing for the new cohort of MCC spring-start Freshmen to begin in Spring 2020.

Curriculum

New courses, Fall 2018 and/or Spring 2019

- Seminar: The Languages of Paris, LING-UA 9102, Elena Soare
- Smartphone Cinema: Capturing your Paris Story, CINE-UT 9566, Sam Azulys (2-credit creative workshop)
- Crime, Violence and Media, MCC-UE902, Aurora Wallace
- Introduction to Media Studies, MCC-UE 9001, Aurora Wallace
- History of Media and Communication, MCC-UE 9003, Aurora Wallace
- Introduction to Machine Learning, CSCI-UA 9473, Augustin Cosse
- Introduction to Computer Security, CSCI-UA 9480, Nadim Kobeissi
- Analysis I, MATH-UA 9325, Joachim Lebovits
- Functions of a Complex Variable, MATH-UA 9282, Joachim Lebovits
- Topics in French Culture: Food in France, FREN-UA 9865, Catherine Healey
- Non-Western Art in Paris, ARTH-UA 9550, Nicolas Garnier

In collaboration with the Dept. of French Literature, Thought & Culture, we have created a new Topics course to begin in Fall 2019 on Science & Reason from Descartes to the Present. Our hope is that this course will be of interest to our new science students as well as our more traditional students in the humanities and social sciences.

Also in collaboration with the French department, we have decided to combine our two most advanced French language courses (Advanced Composition and Advanced Conversation) into one “super advanced” course (title still to be determined).

Other New Developments

Local engagement

- Our students can take courses with our partner local universities.
- A large number of our students stay in Cité Universitaire with many French and international students, and some of our students live in home stays.
- Some of our students do local internships.
- We have a program called “Tandem” pairing our students with French students for social activities.
- We are exploring the possibility of offering professional studies and executive education in Paris.
- We hosted colloquia in our academic center (e.g. a conference on Miro in Nov. 2018).
Inclusion, Diversity, Belonging and Equity (IDBE)

- NYU Paris received its first Global Equity Fellow (GEF). The GEF made herself available to students for a handful of one-on-one meetings and group sessions. Her collaboration with site staff was limited. We will continue to look for ways to help facilitate the development and implementation of IDBE initiatives in the future.
- We have identified a number of course offerings relevant to IDBE interests to help students clearly see these options on our Diversity Resources page.
- In addition to the Paris Equity Club, NYU Paris has meditation space, information about religious resources, Moses resources, etc., all listed on the Diversity Resources website for Paris.

Affordability

- Homestays, offered through Host Families Paris, provide inexpensive housing options, though tend not to be widely popular among our students. We will take actions to promote them further.
- FEU and/or MIDF residence halls in Cité Universitaire offer convenient housing at a moderate price, as well as the new residence hall in the La Defense neighborhood.
- We are currently exploring whether there are additional inexpensive student housing options.
- Our phone loan program for students who cannot afford to pay for an international cell phone plan or to buy an additional phone abroad.
- There are cooking events in residences where students learn how to prepare fast and affordable meals in their own kitchens and save money by eating in.

Administration

Additions to the NYU Paris Team

In academic affairs, we are happy to announce that we have a new academic coordinator, Marion Aller. Marion has worked for several years in international education, most recently at the Institut Supérieur d'Electronique in Paris.

We are also thrilled to welcome our new wellness counselor, Sanam Bamshad Alavi, who joined us in December. Sanam is a Clinical Psychologist and worked as a psychologist and family therapist at the Day Treatment Program at Columbia University Medical Center in Manhattan where she worked closely with NYU and Columbia students and their families. She is a great addition to the NYU Paris community and a fantastic resource for our students.

Re-organizing Flow of the Academic Center

NYU Paris reorganized the plans of the academic site to better serve the students: the reception is now in the main lounge, just as you exit the elevators, and student life and academic staff are on the same floor and can address students’ concerns more easily and more thoroughly. A faculty lounge has also been created where faculty and academic staff can meet, have a coffee, share a moment around professional or friendly subjects. The lounge includes a space for faculty members to work (including desktops and a printer) as none of them have an individual office.
Changing the timetable grid
After consulting with the instructors’ representatives, NYU Paris has changed the timetable grid, decreasing the time interval between courses from 30 min to 15 min. This allows to add one slot each day, leading to a more efficient scheduling of courses.

Security
NYU Paris also increased the security of the academic center by enforcing all access card readers in the building, and more particularly those in the elevators. This was decided after the visit of Gary Leist, director of global safety. The project was carefully managed by the local IT and Office management people to comply with security constraints in terms of access and emergency exit. So far, we have not received any complaints about the new policy.

Improving campus life
NYU Paris has launched an exercise to think about how to make the center more environmentally friendly, shinier, and to make campus life more healthy.

Student Life Department

Residential Life
- 7 Peer mentors (current NYU Paris students) and 2 Resident Assistants at Maison de l’Île-de-France (MDIDF) (local students on call rotation at night)
- LS faculty in Montsouris residence for AY 2019/2020 is Shouleh Vatanabadi
- Two Peer Mentors join the house student council/programming committee of the Maison de l’Île de France
- Security is reinforced at CIUP residence halls in response to an incident on campus. “Safe Walk” service is implemented for the remainder of the semester

Programming and activities
- 20 NYU Paris and 20 NYU London students participated in the volunteering trip in Calais
- 7 Peer Mentors continue organizing cultural and community building activities on weekends to serve students who choose to stay in Paris.
- Thanksgiving dinner boat cruise was attended by more than 180 NYU Paris community members
- Tandem program, which pairs NYU Paris students with local students, continues to be popular, with 50 students registering this semester.
- Students continue to create and lead clubs. In Fall 2018, 18 clubs were created with average attendance of 15-20 students: Échecs à Paris (Chess in Paris); Parizine; Facilitate Equity; Photography Club; Feminism Club; NYU Paris Podcast Network; Express Yourself; Creative Crafts and Culture; Cheese Club (Club de Fromages); Travel Tribe; Cooking Club; La Scène; Tea Talk; Igniters; Dance Club; Vegetable Club; Environmental Club; Tandem Club
- Anne Moradian, Yoga instructor at NYU Paris, offers 3-session workshop titled “Navigating complexity & Survival Tools”

Evaluations
Students in general find the academic curriculum at Paris reasonably challenging, and are for the most part satisfied or very satisfied with the co- and extra-curricular programs. They enjoy being in Paris mostly because of the presence of nearby historical sites, museums, and performing events. Most of them reported satisfaction with housing. Between 70% and 90% of them would recommend the site to a friend. Some students regretted the absence of a counselor, which we have thankfully resolved since December. We also hope to increase student engagement in the local community by encouraging participation in clubs and developing deeper collaborations with our partners.
Housing at NYU Paris
Presentation Overview

• NYU Paris Housing Options
  • Residence Halls
  • Homestays
• Guest Policy
• Housing Application
  • Housing Reservation Payments
Housing at NYU Paris: An Overview

• All students live in NYU-arranged housing which has been vetted by a University committee on student safety.

• All students apply for housing online

• Housing is available only during the official program dates – if planning to arrive early or leave late, check immigration ramifications and make alternate arrangements!

• Details of NYU Paris Housing (including costs) always available on the NYU Paris website.

• Bursar will place an estimated average housing charge on your bill until your final housing assignment is finalized one-two weeks before you arrive.

• Students who are planning to be enrolled at NYU Paris for fall semester and spring semester: housing between the semesters at NYU Paris is not available. Students are expected to make alternate arrangements for housing if they plan to stay in Paris between semesters.
Housing at NYU Paris: Options

1. Homestays
2. Residence Halls
   • Montsouris
   • Maison de l’Île-de-France (MDIDF)
   • La Defense- Rose De Cherbourg

More information, including costs, can be found on the [website](#).
Homestays

Homestays Types:

• **Single**: Private bedroom with access to shared common areas such as kitchen and bathroom. Only student living with the French host family.

• **Doubles (extremely limited)**: Double Room with access to common areas such as kitchen and bathroom.

❖ Lifestyle preference should be added on the housing application

❖ Wireless Internet

❖ Linens provided (Changed every two weeks)

❖ **Limited meals included**: daily breakfast and one evening meal per week.

❖ Students must pay a security deposit, liability insurance fee and full semester rent directly to the third party provider via a bank transfer in Euros.

❖ When you receive your e-bill from the Bursar you will notice a housing estimate for NYU Paris on your bill. However, once you receive a homestay housing assignment the charge will be removed.

❖ Remember, exchange rates can fluctuate daily so know the exchange rates: [www.xe.com/ucc/](http://www.xe.com/ucc/)
1. Montsouris

- Room types:
  - **Single Studios**: Private bathroom and kitchenette
  - **Shared Double**: One bedroom, one living room with kitchenette and private bathroom
  - **Singles in shared Suite**: Single room suite of 2 (limited) to 5 bedrooms; two full bathroom and two toilets and shared kitchenette.

- Linens, towels and basic kitchen supplies provided
- Card operated laundry machine
- Student lounge, study room and sports room
- Biweekly cleaning service
Montsouris continued
2. Maison de l’Île-de-France (MDIDF)

- **Room type:**
  - **Single Rooms:** Single room with private bathroom and communal kitchen on the floor
  - Linens and basic kitchen supplies provided
  - **Towels not Provided! Don’t forget to bring your own towel!**
  - Card-operated laundry room on the first floor
  - Student lounge, study room
  - Biweekly cleaning service
Maison de l’Île-de-France (MDIDF) Continued

- Bedroom
  - Private Bathroom
  - Desk
  - Wardrobe

- Common Kitchens
  - Communal kitchens located on each floor
  - Personal lockable refrigerators in the common kitchen
  - Provided kitchen utensils
3. La Defense - Rose De Cherbourg

- **Room types:**
  - **Single Studio:** 1 single bed, private bathroom, kitchenette

- Linens (bedding, sheets, towels) provided

- Private kitchenette equipped with basic kitchenware, refrigerator, microwave, and electric burners

- Communal on-site laundry room

- Communal TV Room, study and reading rooms, and student lounges

- Cleaning and linen service included in price (3x month)
La Defense continued

Kitchenette

Bedroom

Student Lounge
Meals and Kitchen Access

Residence Halls

• There is NO meal plan or dining hall at NYU Paris for students living in the Residence Halls.
• You will be able to prepare your own meals in kitchen areas in these buildings.

Homestays

• Your host will provide you basic daily breakfast (ex. Bread, butter, cereal, coffee, tea) and one evening meal per week. The cost is included in your rent.
• Some homestays may provide more evening meals at an additional cost; otherwise you will be responsible for preparing your own meals.
• You will have access to space in a refrigerator to store your food, and to the kitchen for cooking.
Guest Policy

❖ Montsouris:
   • Overnight guests can stay for up to 6 consecutive nights and up to 6 nights a month. If you’re planning to have an overnight guest, you must fill out an Overnight Guest Form (will be given to you during orientation week) at least 24 hours in advance and leave the form at the reception for approval. Guest form must be approved by NYU Paris staff prior to guests’ visit.

❖ Maison de l’Île-de-France (MDIDF):
   • To welcome a guest in your room you should declare their arrival 48 hours before arrival at the front desk and you will be charged 6€ / night.
   • No visits can be made between 11 pm and 7 am.
   • Residents may ask to host a guest (just one at a time) for a limited duration.
   • The house has a limited number of extra beds.

❖ La Defense- Rose De Cherbourg:
   A resident may not host an overnight guest in student housing without the prior consent of all roommates/suitmates. A resident may not host an overnight guest under the age of 17 years old unless it’s a member of his/her family. All Guests (overnight or not) must register at Reception upon arrival. Guests are not permitted until after the first week of classes.

❖ Homestays
   • Students staying in a homestay will discuss the possibility of guests with the family once they have arrived.
Housing Exemption Request

All students are required to live in NYU provided accommodations. Residential education is an essential component of the study away experience, providing students with a safe and supportive living environment.

If you wish to apply for an exemption to the housing requirement, you must complete the housing exemption request process:

● Submit a Housing Exemption application (listed on the housing checklist) by June 5. Late applications will not be considered!

● Your application will be reviewed by the NYU Prague Housing Exemption Committee.

● If you are applying to live with a relative or adult long-term family friend, your proposed host may be asked to provide additional information.

● Once a decision has been reached, you will be notified, typically within two weeks of applying.

Approval is not guaranteed. You should not enter into any housing agreements (i.e. signing of a lease) until you receive approval from the committee. If you are approved, Global Programs will release your guaranteed space in NYU assigned housing 48 hours after you are notified of your approval.

If you have questions, please email global.housingexemption@nyu.edu.
Housing Application

• Online Housing Application
• Assignments are made based on Portal submissions and availability.
• Be sure to put down 2nd or 3rd choices.
• If requesting a roommate, make sure you indicate the same housing type (double, for example)
• Remember, we have few single rooms available and preference will go to students registered with the Moses Center.
• Housing assignments will come out roughly 2 weeks prior to the start of the program
Housing Application continued

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- Remember, we have few single rooms available and preference will go to students registered with the Moses Center.
- Housing at our Global Sites differs from Housing in New York – you won’t be able to select the exact bed in the exact room.
Housing Reservation Payment & Deferment

- As part of the application most students will need to submit a $1,000 reservation payment
- If you need to request a deferment of the $1,000 Housing Reservation payment, please email housing@nyu.edu
- An approved deferment request will show up in your Housing Application
Questions?
Contact your Study Away Advisor
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