Faculty Committee on NYU’s Global Network

Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 8:30am-10:00am EST

ATTENDANCE

- Eliot Borenstein (FAS Russian and Slavic Studies)
- Duane Corpis, NYU Shanghai
- Mosette Broderick, Faculty of Arts and Science (Art History)
- Marianne Petit, Technology-Enhanced Education (Tisch School of the Arts)
- Aurora Wallace, Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee (Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development)
- Robin Klar, Rory Meyers College of Nursing
- Amy Bentley, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development (Nutrition & Food Studies)
- Maya Kesrouany, NYU Abu Dhabi
- Shafer Smith, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences
- Danielle Ompad, School of Global Public Health
- Peter Voltz, Tandon School of Engineering
- Erich Dietrich, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
- Benjamin Hary, Global Sites (FAS Hebrew & Judaic Studies)
- Yaw Nyarko, Provostial At-Large Appointment (FAS Economics)
- Gavin Kilduff, Leonard N. Stern School of Business
- Jiawei Zhang, Leonard N. Stern School of Business
- Adedamola Osinulu, Liberal Studies
- Salo V Coslovsky, Wagner
- Rob Lubar, Institute of Fine Arts
MEETING MINUTES

Eliot Borenstein opened the meeting with introductions and followed up on some committee business. It was confirmed that the Dean of Liberal Studies will send the committee a note regarding the closure of the first-year away program in Paris. Eliot also noted the expanded capacity for new programs and initiatives in other global sites, such as Liberal Studies’ first-year away program in Madrid, which began this fall.

The committee discussed Horizon Planning meetings, of which members of the global staff are given the opportunity to meet with the appropriate school to discuss plans and strategic initiatives for the next fiscal year. Global Programs anticipates that next year’s enrollment numbers will be similar to pre-pandemic numbers based on the increased demand for study away in Spring 2022. With quarantine restrictions and protocols still in place, the committee confirmed that travel to sites such as China may continue to be difficult, especially in light of the Beijing Winter Olympics. However, it is expected that study and work visas will be more easily attainable in the immediate term. In addition, the committee discussed Abu Dhabi’s quarantine regulations, which have become more flexible in the past few months. While most J-term programs at the global sites have been canceled, it was noted that a few programs requested and received permission to continue.

The committee then discussed the announcement of summer classes and study away programs, as well as the reopening of conference funds/opportunities at sites expected for Fall 2022. It was also noted that GRI continues to operate and provide opportunities to faculty and graduate students. In addition, Eliot mentioned that with the exception of Sydney, calendars between New York and the sites have been mostly aligned, which may allow for greater logistical coordination and help to facilitate smooth operations. In some cases, in order to achieve this alignment, it may be necessary for programs held at the global sites to prioritize the observance of local holidays over U.S. holidays to ensure that the appropriate contact hours are maintained.

The committee also discussed guest speakers for future meetings that would help align the committee’s internal and external conversations with global sites. The committee also reiterated its commitment to sustainability, agreeing that it would like to learn more regarding carbon offsets. In addition, Eliot mentioned that a full SSAC (Site Specific Advisory Committee) meeting will be held later this semester and wondered if it might be helpful to create a subcommittee to propose new models and structures for the SSACs and to learn from what’s working, in order to enhance how faculty engage with the global sites. The committee agreed that this would be beneficial and several members volunteered to be a part of the subcommittee.

Lastly, the committee discussed the Promotion and Tenure Guidelines as it pertains to the hiring process at the degree-granting campuses. In addition to the Both/And policy, the degree granting campuses now have more flexibility in their hiring and promotions model, allowing them to coordinate with individual faculty members regarding hiring decisions instead of departments as a whole. Moreover, the committee discussed the possibility of exploring alternative hiring models at the global sites.