NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Faculty Advisory Committee on NYU's Global Network

Wednesday, April 16, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Notes

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN MEETING

Eliot Borenstein, FAS (Russian & Slavic Studies) *Co-Chair*
Una Chaudhuri, FAS (English) and Tisch (Drama) *Co-Chair*
José Alvarez, School of Law
Joyce Apsel, Global Liberal Studies
Ruth Ben-Ghiat, FAS (Italian Studies)
Jennifer Carpenter, Stern School of Business
Andrea Chambers, SCPS (Design-Publishing)
Patricia Corby, College of Dentistry (Bluestone Center for Clinical Research)
Lucinda Covert-Vail, Libraries
Michael Dinwiddie, Gallatin
Richard Foley, Administrative Liaison to the Committee (Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning)
Don Garrett, FAS (Philosophy)
Liliana Goldin, Silver School of Social Work
Victoria Morwitz, Stern School of Business
Fred Myers, FAS (Anthropology)
Charles Newman, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (Mathematics)
Robert Rowe, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development (Music & Music Education)
Gail Segal, Tisch School of the Arts (Graduate Film)
Joshua Tucker, FAS (Politics)
Nancy Van Devanter, College of Nursing
Niobe Way, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development (Applied Psychology)

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Report on Meeting

Co-Chair Eliot Borenstein opened the meeting by explaining that he and co-chair Una Chaudhuri had drafted an initial version of the committee's report in order to facilitate discussion and for the committee to have something concrete to react to. They emphasized that nothing in the draft should be regarded as finalized; it is very much a work in progress, and the co-chairs expect it to change significantly as a result of discussion. The co-chairs encouraged committee members to make suggestions about any and all elements of the draft, including ones of structure and style.

In the discussion that followed, numerous points were made, including the following:

- It is important that the report have an executive summary that would highlight the broad areas of concerns the committee has identified and the key recommendations being made.
- The report should articulate the principles that have guided the committee's recommendations.
- There should be a frank acknowledgement that in the eyes of some faculty, the fact that the committee was appointed, not elected, may undermine its credibility.
- The report should be detailed in describing the methodology and consultative process used, including a listing all of the groups and individuals who were contacted or invited and all those who came or provided feedback.
- The report should also be frank also in acknowledging that many faculty continue to view global network as controversial.
- It is important that the report have some mechanism that allows faculty to respond to its recommendation and also to make suggestions concerning issues that the proposed successor committee should take up.
- It should be clear that this is the report of the 2013-14 committee, and not a "final report." Although the committee worked hard and covered a lot of grounds, there remain many issues for the successor committee to tackle.
- The report should propose a tentative agenda of issues that the successor committee would take up next fall.
- The report should emphasize that its recommendations are meant to help guide not just the current administration but also the incoming administration.

Committee members agreed that the draft should remain confidential for the time being. The co-chairs requested of several committee members that they draft language for various sections of the report. They also invited all committee members to send to Una (the keeper of the most recent draft) any additional suggestions that had not come up in the discussion. Finally, the co-chairs indicated they would send out a revised draft in advance of the next meeting of the committee.