



NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Faculty Advisory Committee on the Global Network
Tuesday, September 9, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
President's Conference Room (Bobst Library, 12th Floor)

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Meeting Notes

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN MEETING

Eliot Borenstein, FAS (Russian & Slavic Studies) *Co-Chair*
Una Chaudhuri, FAS (English) and Tisch (Drama) *Co-Chair*
Sylvain Cappell, Faculty Senators Council (Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences)
Chen Jian, NYU Shanghai
Lucinda Covert-Vail, Libraries
Kevin Davis, School of Law
Richard Foley, Administrative Liaison to the Committee (Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning)
Don Garrett, FAS (Philosophy)
Paul Glimcher, FAS (Neural Science)
Liliana Goldin, Silver School of Social Work
Martin Klimke, NYU Abu Dhabi (FAS, History)
Ritty Lukose, Gallatin School of Individualized Study
Vicki Morwitz, Leonard N. Stern School of Business
Fred Myers, FAS (Anthropology)
Charles Newman, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (Mathematics)
David O'Connor, Institute of Fine Arts
Marianne Petit, NYU Shanghai
Robert Rowe, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Gail Segal, Tisch School of the Arts
Malcolm Semple, NYU Sydney (FAS)
Paul Smoke, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
Lisa Springer, School of Professional Studies
Joshua Tucker, FAS (Politics)
Nancy Van Devanter, College of Nursing; Global Institute of Public Health
Niobe Way, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development

Report on Meeting

Co-chairs Eliot Borenstein and Una Chaudhuri opened the meeting by asking all members of the committee to introduce themselves and noting that the Committee will meet every three weeks this academic year. Eliot also noted the new name of the committee is "Faculty Committee on the Global Network."

In the ensuing discussion, the following issues were raised:

1. June 2014 report of the Faculty Advisory Committee on the Global Network
 - Eliot noted that the Committee's June 2014 report was very positively received, particularly by the Provost. The administration was also happy with the suggestion that this will be a largely elected committee going forward.
 - Eliot and Una have met with Marty Dorph to discuss some of the financial aspects, and Marty volunteered to meet with the Committee this semester.
 - Una circulated copies of the report's Appendix B: "Proposal for a new standing committee: Global Network Steering Committee" for the Committee's review.
2. Faculty Forum
 - The Committee discussed various options for dates and formats of a faculty forum on issues related to the global network. It was agreed that Abu Dhabi and Shanghai faculty should be included to the extent possible, possibly with separate fora being held in New York, Abu Dhabi, and Shanghai.
 - The possibility of combining a faculty forum with the upcoming Site Directors visit to New York was raised.
 - It was recommended that a separate faculty forum be held to discuss labor issues once the forthcoming report on Abu Dhabi labor conditions is released at the end of 2014.
 - Eliot and Una will begin working on the logistics of various faculty forum options and will update the Committee at its next meeting.
3. Preparation for discussion with Portal leadership
 - Una and Eliot informed the Committee that Jeff Lehman (Vice Chancellor of NYU Shanghai) will attend the first half of the next meeting. It was agreed that he would not be asked to give a presentation. Rather, the Committee will ask him to comment on various questions. A Google document will be circulated in advance of the next meeting to create an informal consensus about the questions to be asked.
 - It was suggested that Joanna Waley-Cohen (Provost of NYU Shanghai) also be asked to join this meeting.
4. Visits to the committee and topics for future meetings
 - Eliot and Una suggested that Linda Mills would be a natural person to visit the committee soon. October 21st was proposed as a possible date for this.
 - It was suggested that it might be useful for the Committee might meet with Site Directors before meeting with Vice Chancellor Mills.

- It was also suggested that someone from the Committee should be present at as many meetings as possible of the Site-Specific Advisory Committees.
- Marty Dorph was proposed as another key administrator who might visit the Committee.
- It was noted that it would be useful to have student leaders from New York, Abu Dhabi, and Shanghai visit with the Committee. This could be combined with faculty fora if members of the Committee are traveling to Abu Dhabi and Shanghai.
- Deans who are building and/or running major international programs (such as the Global Institute for Public Health) might also be good potential visitors to the Committee.
- Committee members agreed that one or two future meetings could be devoted to members of the Committee reporting on the scope of global activities at their respective schools. Interests and concerns regarding global issues vary greatly from school to school, but there is general consensus that Committee members would like to have more information about global curricular issues, global faculty appointments, global research proposals, and long-term global initiatives across NYU.

5. Faculty in the Global Network information hub

- Una informed the committee that in response to one of the most important recommendations of the Committee's June 2014 report, a working group based in the Provost's Office has been developing a new website that consolidates information and makes it clearer to NYU faculty how to get involved in research, teaching, and program planning across the global network.
- Committee members expressed the desire to have a list of all global-oriented committees at the school and department levels. These committees could potentially all share agendas, minutes, etc.
- Eliot encouraged members of the Committee to e-mail with information about such committees at their respective schools

6. Election process for committee representation Fall 2015 onwards

- Una and Eliot circulated an initial, tentative model for school representation on the future committee.
- It was suggested that the Courant Institute and the Institute of Fine Arts, which were not represented on the model, be added. It was also noted that under the proposed model, the role of FAS would be reduced; questions were raised about the appropriateness of this, given that FAS (especially its students) is heavily involved in global activities.
- The point was raised that Steinhardt and Tisch also have a large investment in global programs, and they currently only have two representatives each on the Committee.
- Several Committee members agreed that they would like to see data on the global circulation of students from various schools before making any recommendations on the distribution of Committee representatives.
- It was noted that schools with few or no students circulating globally still have an interest in the global network in other ways – via research, program planning, or in other ways.
- Rather than having a set number of representatives from each school, it was suggested that it might be preferable to have key issues equally

represented on the Committee, for example, research, undergraduate curriculum, graduate education, culture and arts initiatives, etc.

- It was agreed that it would be desirable for the membership of the Committee to strike a balance between emphasizing sufficient expertise and being elected democratically.
- Eliot reminded the members that to avoid losing institutional memory, the Committee's report recommended that replacement of members should be staggered, with roughly half of the current committee being replaced by elected member in 2015/6 and the remaining half in 2016/17, and with one-third of the committee then turning over in subsequent years.
- Committee members resolved to have its members prepare a 1-page summary for each school's global activities to better inform this discussion.
- Committee members also agreed to send a 1-2 sentence explanation to Una and Eliot before the next meeting detailing how representation on the committee might be selected/elected in their schools/units. In addition, Una and Eliot reported that they would consult with Provost Dave McLaughlin on these issues and also get his views on how many provostial appointments he would like for the committee. Following the visit by Jeff Lehman and Joanna Waley-Cohen at the next meeting, the Committee will return to a discussion of the issue of representation.