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Memorandum

Date: Thurs., June 12, 2014

To: NYU FACULTY

From: Provost David McLaughlin

Re: The Report of the Faculty Advisory Committee on the University's Global Network

The Faculty Advisory Committee on the University's Global Network has presented its [report](#) to President Sexton and myself and released it yesterday to the Faculty.

This report -- which found that our global efforts are consistent with NYU's history, traditions, and identity -- is thorough and comprehensive. Proceeding from a thorough analysis of the current state of our global network, it raises important issues and makes detailed recommendations, grounded upon general guiding principles, about both structure and processes going forth. These will be very useful and will certainly improve our University's global efforts substantially.

Because the report is so comprehensive and detailed, it will take us some time to study the complete set of recommendations. Among the most important ideas in the report was the need to ensure effective, ongoing faculty input on issues related to NYU's global network. The Committee recommended creating a new standing committee, "The Global Network Steering Committee," to be in place by fall 2015. In order to have ongoing faculty input until our review of the recommendations is complete and a Steering Committee is established, the current committee has offered to continue working next year in a transitional role.

I want to thank the members of the current Committee -- and especially its Co-Chairs, Professors Eliot Borenstein and Una Chaudhuri -- not only for the immense amount of important and difficult work they have done on behalf of the University community over the past year and a half, but in particular for their willingness to carry on this work until the formal establishment of the Steering Committee. This transition plan will provide a degree of continuity I am certain will prove invaluable to the functioning of the forthcoming Steering Committee.

We all owe our colleagues on the Committee a debt of gratitude for a job well done. I feel certain that NYU's global network, which I believe to be so important for NYU's future, will be much the better for it.