



Faculty Committee on NYU's Global Network
Thursday, February 07, 2019, 8:30am-10:00am EST
PCR (Bobst Library, 1218)

ATTENDANCE

Eliot Borenstein, Co-Chair, FAS (Russian and Slavic Studies)
Martin Klimke, Co-Chair, NYU Abu Dhabi
Ana Abraido-Lanza, College of Global Public Health
Sylvain Cappell, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (Mathematics)/
Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty Senators Council
Alexander Geppert, NYU Shanghai
Nicolas Graf, School of Professional Studies
Benjamin Hary, Global Sites
Deborah Kapchan, Tisch School of the Arts
Gavin Kilduff, Leonard N. Stern School of Business
Jung T. Kim, School of Medicine
Matthew Kleban, FAS (Physics)
Kristie Koenig, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development (Occupational
Therapy)
Marilyn Moffat, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Eugene Ostashevsky, Liberal Studies
Marianne Petit, Tisch School of the Arts
Gail Segal, Tisch School of the Arts
Paul Smoke, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
Allison Squires, Rory Meyers College of Nursing
Carol Sternhell, FAS (Journalism)
Deepak Unnikrishnan, Lecturer, Writing Program; C-FSC Senator (*filling in for Sam Howard-Spink*)
Paul Wachtel, Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee (Stern)

MEETING MINUTES

Public events related to NYU's global engagement

Eliot Borenstein and Martin Klimke opened the meeting with an update on plans to organize a series of university-wide events to discuss the challenges and opportunities of NYU's global academic engagement. While many ad hoc discussions have occurred in the past, they often have been in reaction to specific incidents and have not always included members of the community who most directly are impacted. These conversations would be a proactive debate on the values and responsibilities of NYU's global network. Eliot Borenstein and Martin Klimke proposed organizing a series of panels in cooperation with the Faculty Senators Councils with speakers from all three portal campuses, followed by a wider discussion with the audience, but welcomed other structures and ideas from the committee.

The committee agreed that these conversations are important and should be structured so that each portal campus can participate. If possible, the committee thought it might be helpful to include a short

legal presentation detailing the boundaries and responsibilities of researchers and NYU, as well as a statement of the University's policies with regards to academic freedom, so as to form a baseline for the conversation.

It was noted that while there have been several conversations in relation to Abu Dhabi, the situation in Shanghai has been less discussed. Several possible explanations for this were mentioned, including the tendency for certain regions to attract more or less attention among academic circles; the differences in the level of connectivity with New York; and the nature of each portal's founding. Some committee members wondered whether self-censorship might be more prevalent in Shanghai, though other members with experience in Shanghai disagreed, noting that visa issues and planning conferences have been more persistent challenges.

The committee agreed to host three separate events, one at each portal campus. Each event would be livestreamed so that everyone in the community could view and listen to the conversation, and each event would invite members from the other portal campuses as guest panelists. In addition, questions would be solicited in advance to ensure that the forum covers topics of interest to the community. Martin Klimke and Eliot Borenstein will work with the Faculty Senators Councils to schedule and plan the events and are hoping to attend all three in person. Eliot Borenstein requested that the committee send him names of individuals or groups of people who should be considered as discussants.

Contract Faculty in the Global Network

The committee continued its discussion on contract faculty and their ability to access and participate in global connectivity opportunities. Eliot Borenstein and Martin Klimke noted that it will be easier to initiate these necessary conversations after the status of the committee's recommendation for Both/And is decided and announced. In addition, while access to the global network for contract faculty varies by school and department, there are several opportunities available to all New York faculty, including short-term travel to the sites, the Global Research Initiative (GRI), participation on the Site-Specific Advisory Committees (SSACs), and applying to be a site director. In addition, GRI funding has recently been expanded and is now open to faculty from Abu Dhabi and Shanghai.

Although GRI currently is not available to lecturers at the global sites, global site lecturers do have access to the Global Faculty Fund (GFF), which provides funding for short-term trips to New York and elsewhere in the global network in order to deepen ties and relationships with departments and schools at NYU. The committee wondered if GRI could be accessible to lecturers that meet certain eligibility criteria, which would affirm the committee's support of all faculty throughout the global network.

The committee agreed that more data would be needed in order to understand and address issues of connectivity throughout the global network. Members noted that the committee currently does not have any dedicated contract faculty representation from Abu Dhabi or Shanghai, which makes it difficult to understand the various challenges that contract faculty may encounter in different locations. Members wondered whether the committee's makeup should be amended to include other constituencies and/or other governance structures. The committee was initially formed to provide faculty oversight over the academics of the global network, but it may be time to clarify the committee's charge and more clearly define its purview and responsibilities. Members agreed to create a small sub-committee to draft bylaws, which would then be recommended to the Provost. Volunteers for the sub-committee should contact Eliot Borenstein.

In the meantime, members would like to invite contract faculty from Abu Dhabi and Shanghai to one of the committee's future meetings. In addition, members wondered whether it would be possible to speak with site directors when they are in New York in April to better understand the various relationships global site lecturers have with the sites, and/or to convene site representatives on the Site-Specific Advisory Committees for their input. Members agreed to reach out to contract faculty representatives within their schools for insight regarding access and barriers to the global network, and Eliot Borenstein and Martin Klimke will also reach out to the Faculty Senate to solicit feedback on these questions.