



Faculty Committee on NYU's Global Network

Tuesday, May 7, 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

Awam Amkpa, Tisch School of the Arts

Sylvain Cappell, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences (Mathematics)/

Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty Senators Council

Hallie Franks, Gallatin School of Individualized Study

Alexander Geppert, NYU Shanghai

Nicolas Graf, School of Professional Studies

Christian Haefke, NYU Abu Dhabi

Wen-Jui Han, Silver School of Social Work

Benjamin Hary, Global Sites

Deborah Kapchan, Tisch School of the Arts

Gavin Kilduff, Leonard N. Stern School of Business

Matthew Kleban, FAS (Physics)

Kristie Koenig, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development (Occupational Therapy)

Heather Lee, Assistant Professor, NYU Shanghai

Alexander Nagel, Institute of Fine Arts

Eugene Ostashevsky, Liberal Studies

Daniel Perkins, Division of Libraries

Marianne Petit, Tisch School of the Arts

Jon Ritter, Continuing Contract Faculty Senators Council (FAS Art History)

Paul Smoke, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service

Allison Squires, Rory Meyers College of Nursing

Carol Sternhell, FAS (Journalism)

Deepak Unnikrishnan, Continuing Contract Faculty Senators Council (NYU Abu Dhabi)

Peter Voltz, Tandon School of Engineering

Paul Wachtel, Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee (Stern)

MEETING MINUTES

Discussion on the SCA Resolution

The meeting began with a discussion on the recent [resolution of non-cooperation with NYU Tel Aviv](#) as ratified by the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis (SCA). Benjamin Hary, Site Director of NYU Tel Aviv and Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at NYU, read a letter he sent to his colleagues in response to the resolution expressing disappointment and shock that one unit of NYU would boycott another. While the Boycott, Divest, Sanctions (BDS) movement targets the Israeli government and

institutions funded by Israel, the resolution targets academic cooperation with NYU Tel Aviv. In doing so, Hary felt that the resolution is not only unethical but also infringes on NYU Tel Aviv's academic freedom to engage with faculty colleagues across the university, as well as ostracizing of students who have studied or may choose to study at NYU Tel Aviv. Hary noted that no student at NYU Tel Aviv has ever been denied entry to Israel, and he encouraged the committee to issue a statement in response to the resolution.

The committee discussed how best to address the resolution, which was done in response to Israel's change in its law of entry. The committee agreed that it was not appropriate nor productive to hold one of NYU's global sites responsible for the immigration policies of its host government, especially considering the United States' recent history in discriminatory immigration practices. The committee also wondered whether this stems from a lack of clarity around the values and curriculum of a global education. The committee agreed that these values must be clarified and articulated regularly to ensure the integrity of the global network. After the discussion, the committee agreed to schedule a follow up meeting with some of those who took the lead in drafting the SCA resolution for an open discussion on the resolution.

Discussion on Committee's Proposed Bylaws

The bylaws subcommittee presented its draft proposal for the committee's review. The proposed bylaws were based largely on documents available on the committee's website, though the proposal focus primarily on faculty issues including faculty oversight of the global network and academic freedom. In addition, the subcommittee described the governance of the committee, including setting the number of members and the units represented on the committee; how members are selected and the length of members' terms of service; the selection of co-chairs; and voting privileges, which would be granted only to elected representatives.

The committee thanked the bylaws subcommittee for putting together this thoughtful proposal. The committee agreed on the importance of establishing structures to maintain continuity and to ensure that the committee is representative of their unit. However, several members expressed concern about mandating that members be elected and/or penalizing non-elected members, arguing that each unit should adhere to its own governance mechanisms. The committee also discussed the role of administrators on the committee, and whether having a two-tier voting structure may become cumbersome. The committee agreed to revise the bylaws further before submitting them to the Provost for review.

Update on Global Faculty Forums

Eliot Borenstein and Martin Klimke updated the committee on the three Global Faculty Forums that took place at each of the degree-granting campuses during the spring semester. The co-chairs noted that participation varied at the three events, but that all three generally received positive feedback. Committee members also noted that the last event, in which only Abu Dhabi and Shanghai faculty participated due to timing challenges, was particularly productive. The committee agreed that continuing these events would be worthwhile, perhaps replicating the Abu Dhabi/Shanghai event in the fall semester and then hosting another forum that includes New York in the spring semester. The committee also wondered whether it might be beneficial to have the forums be thematically driven so as to focus of the conversation.

Contract Faculty in GNU

The committee acknowledged that it had not made much progress on the topic of Contract Faculty in the global network this year due to several unanticipated issues. The committee agreed to continue its work in the fall semester, and to work closely with the C-FSC, which is also exploring these issues.