



Faculty Committee on NYU's Global Network
Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 8:30am-10:00am EST

ATTENDANCE

Eliot Borenstein, Chair (FAS, Russian and Slavic Studies)
Awam Amkpa, Tisch School of the Arts
Anasse Bari, Faculty of Arts and Science (Computer Science)
Amy Bentley, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development (Nutrition and Food Studies)
Mosette Broderick, Faculty of Arts and Science (Art History)
Sylvain Cappell, Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty Senators Council (Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences)
Scott Collard, Division of Libraries
Nicolas Graf, School of Professional Studies
Christian Haefke, NYU Abu Dhabi
Benjamin Hary, Global Sites (FAS, Hebrew and Judaic Studies)
Deborah Kapchan, Tisch School of the Arts
Maya Kesrouany, NYU Abu Dhabi
Gavin Kilduff, Leonard N. Stern School of Business
Jung T. Kim, School of Medicine
Robin Klar, Rory Meyers College of Nursing
Marilyn Moffat, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Alexander Nagel, Institute of Fine Arts
Vasuki Nesiah, Gallatin School of Individualized Study
Yaw Nyarko, Provostial At-Large Appointment (FAS Economics)
Danielle Ompad, College of Global Public Health
Adedamola Osinulu, Liberal Studies
Marianne Petit, Tisch School of the Arts
Jon Ritter, Continuing Contract Faculty Senators Council (FAS Art History)
Shafer Smith, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences
Paul Wachtel, Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee (Stern)
Jiawei Zhang, Leonard N. Stern School of Business

Tyra Liebmann, Associate Vice President, Office of Global Programs

MEETING MINUTES

The committee opened with introductions and an update on the Go Local program by Tyra Liebmann, Associate Vice President, the Office of Global Programs.

The Go Local program was created to provide an NYU touchpoint to students who were unable to travel to their home campus for the fall semester. Students must be legally able to reside and study in the country of their Go Local experience, and are required to take at least one course in person at the global location. By offering a sense of community closer to home, Go Local sought to mitigate the health concerns associated with traveling long distances, and ensure that students had a local support network

should a global site need to switch to all remote instruction. The University has recently announced that Go Local will continue for the spring 2021 semester, though the in-person class requirement has been eliminated in most locations.

All of the global sites have students participating in the Go Local program, with the vast majority studying at NYU Shanghai. With the suspension of traditional study away, the global sites are running approximately 40% of the courses they would have typically offered. This reduction has been incredibly disappointing for both lecturers and staff, but almost everyone has been very understanding of these difficult decisions. To the greatest extent possible, the University has tried to maintain full or partial employment for its staff and lecturers at the global sites by shifting assignments, providing support to colleagues at other sites, and by utilizing government programs designed to provide relief to institutions and individuals impacted by the coronavirus.

It has become clear that there are thousands of remote-only students who are taking courses offered in the middle of the night and at other times that are not healthy or conducive to learning. For these students, the Go Local program can be very helpful by allowing students to take remote classes at more convenient times. Benjamin Hary, Site Director for NYU Tel Aviv, concurred with this, noting that NYU Tel Aviv is hosting a FinTech course designed to serve NYU Shanghai students, despite having only one Stern student participating in the site's Go Local program. Global Programs is meeting with school advisors later in October to ensure they are aware of the courses offered at the sites so as to encourage students to take advantage of these offerings and register for classes that are more aligned with their time zone.

Committee members were pleased to hear that the Go Local program is going well and is giving students more options during this particularly challenging time. Some members noted that the university should be cautious that measures adopted during a crisis do not become standard once the crisis has passed. Others also wondered whether it would be possible to offer tutorials at the global sites as an alternative to reducing the number of courses offered.

Members requested to learn more about the strategic thinking behind several cost mitigation efforts undertaken by the university, in particular the decision to close the first-year Liberal Studies program in Paris. Eliot Borenstein explained that there were several factors leading to the decision to close the program in Paris, including a shift in the interests of students and the academic identity of the site from the humanities to Music, Computer Science and Math. The Executive Committee will contact the Office of Global Programs and Liberal Studies to request reports addressing the committee's questions.