Faculty Committee on NYU's Global Network
Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 8:30am-10:00am EST

ATTENDANCE

- Eliot Borenstein, (FAS Russian and Slavic Studies)
- Adedamola Osinulu, Liberal Studies
- Amy Bentley, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development (Nutrition & Food Studies)
- Aurora Wallace, Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee (Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development)
- Ayham Adawi, Student Government Assembly
- Benjamin Hary, Global Sites (FAS Hebrew & Judaic Studies)
- Danielle Ompad, School of Global Public Health
- Erich Dietrich, Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
- Gavin J Kilduff, Leonard N. Stern School of Business
- Jiawei Zhang, Leonard N. Stern School of Business
- Shafer Smith, Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences
- Ken Nielsen, Continuing Contract Faculty Senators Council (NYU Abu Dhabi)
- Marianne Petit, Technology-Enhanced Education (Tisch School of the Arts)
- Maya Kesrouany, NYU Abu Dhabi
- Mosette Broderick, Faculty of Arts and Science (Art History)
- Nathalie Peutz, NYU Abu Dhabi
- Nicolas Graf, School of Professional Studies
- Peter Voltz, Tandon School of Engineering
- Rob Lubar, Institute of Fine Arts
- Robin Klar, Rory Meyers College of Nursing
- Salo V Coslovsky, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
- Scott Collard, Division of Libraries
- Sylvain Cappell, Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty Senators Council (CIMS)

- Katherine E. Fleming, Provost
- Linda G. Mills, Vice Chancellor and Senior Vice Provost
MEETING MINUTES

Eliot Borenstein opened the meeting with brief introductions and welcomed Provost Katy Fleming.

Katy turned the conversation to the University's response to the Russia-Ukraine war and highlighted her collaboration with a constituent at Columbia University who runs the Institute of Ideas and Imagination at Reed Hall, the main outpost in Paris. The Office of the Provost is working on dedicating resources for scholars and students in Ukraine to spend time in this location, and the Global Research Initiative (GRI) is working on securing additional housing. The Remarque Institute at NYU has a long-standing partnership in Paris and is allocating its resources for the next academic year. In addition, Linda Mills, Vice Chancellor and Senior Vice Provost and Josh Taylor, Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Programs and Mobility Services are thinking of coherent ways to expand this logistical support to other sites and are figuring out an inventory of possible spaces. Katy highlighted faculty opportunities at sites and iterated her interest in providing concrete structures to ensure ready access for faculty at sites. The GRI and the Office of the Provost are working to ensure there are flexible modes for faculty to ensure that the sites are a resource for them. This circulation of resources and knowledge for faculty and graduate students across the sites would provide an interface for an open flow of information and ideas that would benefit the mobility of faculty.

Eliot welcomed Linda Mills, Vice Chancellor and Senior Vice Provost to the meeting and briefed their discussion with Katy. Then, Eliot provided an introduction to Linda's plans on discussing faculty engagement and involvement at the sites. Linda addressed and recognized the importance of clarifying the role of portals and sites, as well as acknowledging the differences between the two for conscious faculty involvement. She mentioned the ongoing conversations she has had with members of the executive committee and ensured that they are working on determining the differences.

The partnership between the University of Sydney and New York University that occurred earlier in the academic year came into discussion as well as the committee’s role in their involvement in such partnerships. There was an extensive consultation process with specific faculty during the University of Sydney partnership. The committee then discussed its intention to explore its charge from an advisory and decision-making standpoint, and specifically its role in conjunction with site-specific advisory committees. All committees are advisory to the Provost, and it is important to think of ways to productively engage them directly and with each other. A possible transition away from exploring the specific identity of the sites to instead focusing on how the sites are intertwined could provide a working framework on committee engagement across the sites.

The committee then discussed the ongoing support for the crisis in Ukraine and possible resources to offer for refugees. Linda reiterated the profound commitment to address the crisis and is making an effort to be in the lead in providing resources that are available. The university has been logistically coordinating available rooms and office space, and then intends to provide wrap-around services in terms of supporting individuals to get back on their feet.

Lastly, the committee discussed faculty engagement and site-specific advisory committees, as well as the mode of faculty involvement and oversight at sites. Eliot provided a possibility for alternative modes of faculty engagement that is not necessarily through a meeting on zoom, or in-person, on a regular basis. For example, exploring a mode in which there is a pool of individuals who are ready to be consulted via email would offer a steady flow of information without the need for specific convenings and in navigating the complexities of global time zones. The committee then discussed site-specific governance and the importance of having effective communication and an open flow of information between site-specific advisory committees, site directors, and faculty members who are committed to the sites.