Faculty Advisory Committee on the Global Network

Notes on the meeting of co-chairs Eliot and Una (by VC from AD) with members of the FSC subcommittee on the GNU.   (Una's notes)
May 5, 2013, 10 a.m. EST

Present (in addition to Eliot and Una):
Doug Gale (chair of the FSC/GNU subcommittee, + 7 members of that subcommittee (including Sylvain, who serves on both)

- We gave them an account of what we'd been doing, shared the list of Potential Agenda Items/Topics developed from our committee's first conversation, told them about our website (where meeting notes are posted, along with all the documents we've been given or have gathered so far)
- We discussed the relationship between our two committees.
- They expressed some frustration about not always getting information/materials they've requested from admin. We offered to assist with gathering that information
- Some questions they'd like answers to:
   o What GNU policies are currently being formulated (in what areas), and how can we ensure there is faculty participation in the formulation
   o What plans are underway for GNU (new sites, programs, etc.)? "
   o "Who decides?"
- Some specific topics of concern:
   o Some departments/units are benefiting more than others
   o The institutional encouragement to students to study abroad is interfering with the verticality of various undergrad programs of study
   o Some students' financial aid packages require them to do some study abroad, even if they don't want to (???)
   o One member reported that her department had been asked by deans to select sites to partner with, but there had not been enough time or information to do this right, so "we picked a few under pressure."
- It was decided that we would continue to look for ways to work together, and we would have another meeting like this early in the fall.
- In the meantime, the FSC/GNU subcommittee will draft a set of principles that could govern the work of our two committees so as increase efficiency and avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts.