Performance Studies Community Report

2020–2021 Impact
April 27, 2021
AGENDA

1. WELCOME
   Andre Lepecki – Meeting Intention & Introductions

2. COMMUNITY REPORT
   André Lepecki, Laura Fortes, Noel Rodriguez, Jr., Nicole Cusick –
   - Department-Wide
   - UG Program
   - Graduate Program
   - Alumni

3. OPEN FLOOR
   Open discussion

4. FALL 2021
   - Rep Meetings
   - Departmental Meeting

5. THANK YOU
   - Next steps
   - Acknowledgements
Snapshot 2020-2021

Two new groups:
- D&I Working Group
- Alumni Committee

Three new committees to support international students

Forging pathways for cross-cohort collaborations

New UG student-led programming
- Annual Student Work Exhibition

New PS PhD Teaching Program

First PS Diversity & Inclusion Session

Introduction of Departmental Meeting

Three new funding commitments

Three new Professionalization Workshops
- Applying to Conferences
- Applying to Artistic Jobs
- Teaching Strategies
01 Department-Wide Initiatives
Dept.-Wide Initiatives

WHAT WE HEARD

● How to address issues of racism, anti-blackness, and discrimination within the department
● How to develop mechanisms that ensure student presence in the departmental structure

WHAT WE DID TOGETHER

● D&I Working Group & Meeting w/ Dean Ward
● Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism
● Departmental Resources
● Departmental Meeting: A new deliberative structure (to be implemented Fall 21) where all resident faculty and staff are joined by student reps.
Dept.-Wide Initiatives

WHAT WE HEARD

● Clear access to holistic Performance Studies resources
● Increased visibility for concerns and issues of the international student population

WHAT WE DID TOGETHER

● Comprehensive Performance Studies Research and Academic Resource Guide
● International Student Reps to be implemented AY 21–22
Undergraduate Program
Undergrad Program

WHAT WE HEARD

● Lack of space to showcase student work and get to know students in all UG cohorts
● Barriers to international students when pursuing internship opportunities
● Desire to learn from and collaborate across cohorts

WHAT WE DID TOGETHER

● Annual Student Classwork Exhibition
● Investigation of UG Internship Course for CPT
● Evolution of “mutual-aid” collaboration document
● Alumni Day Panel
● Amplification of TSOA Alumni mentorship program
Undergrad Program

WHAT WE HEARD

Growing UG interest in performance and curation after offering of popular Topics in Performance Studies course on “Experimental Curation”

WHAT WE DID TOGETHER

- Undergraduate workshops (PSEs) & advising to include focus on curating practices and networking opportunities
  - How to build a career in visual art spaces (PSE)
  - Curating Symposium to include BA students
  - Advisors can help facilitate networking by connecting advisees with reps & alumni in field
  - AY 21–22 Alumni Career Panel to include curation
Graduate Program
Graduate Program

WHAT WE HEARD
● Additional transparency and clarification needed behind teaching support and procedures in the PS PhD program

WHAT WE DID TOGETHER
● PS PhD Teaching Program
● Additional programming around pedagogy:
  ○ Teaching Strategies Workshop
  ○ AY 22 Assemblies on “Teaching & Pedagogy”
  ○ Pedagogical component in “Methods” course
● Corrigan Terms & Conditions and PhD handbooks updated; Program details on PS web
Graduate Program

WHAT WE DID TOGETHER

- Annual PhD Cohort Progress Meetings
- Creation of new five-year planning document
- “Listening Sessions” with the Chair
- 2021 PhD Summer Fund

WHAT WE HEARD

- Increase structure around academic advising including tracking while maintaining progress within the PhD program and professional development opportunities
- Lack of PhD summer funding support. Issue is compounded by the pandemic and international student inability to procure work outside of the NYU system.
Alumni

WHAT WE HEARD

● Unclear pathways to collaborate with department, alumni, current students
● Support in creating additional alumni groups (e.g. alumni committee, affinity groups)

WHAT WE DID TOGETHER

● Creation of Performance Studies Alumni Committee:
  ○ Alumni: Ricky Ramón, Shuktara Lal, Tito Aderemi-Ibitola, Marija Krtolica, Rustem Ertug Altinay, Deepa Somasekhara pillai, Ruhi Bhalla, Melissa McDonald
Alumni

WHAT WE HEARD

- Desire to help create scholarship opportunities to recruit and support diversity in the department
- Desire to support fundraising campaigns

WHAT WE DID TOGETHER

- Departmental commitment to fundraising projects
- Creation of individual BA, MA, and PhD Funds
- Formulation of BA and MA scholarships with campaigns to launch Fall 2021
AY 22 Rep Meetings

Fall 21
Call for Reps.; 1st Rep Meeting

Spring 21
2nd Rep Meeting

Year-End
Community report and year-review

October
Departmental Meeting

March
Departmental Meeting
This is a quote, words full of wisdom that someone important said and can make the reader get inspired”

—SOMEONE FAMOUS
THANK YOU
AY 20-21 PS REPS

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