

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** University Senate

**FROM:** Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.  
President

**DATE:** March 6, 2017

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

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**I. NEW CAMPUS BUDGET PROCESS**

In an effort to align the budget strategically with University priorities, and increase the transparency of budget development, we are revamping our campus budget preparation process. Our budgets will be set and finalized via this process; therefore non-emergency off-cycle requests will not be considered until the next budget development process. Each area has been asked to structure their budget in ways that support the University's strategic priorities:

- Raise the four year graduation rates
- Maintain our commitment to diversity and access while providing the highest quality education
- Incentivize growth in sponsored research
- Strengthen institutional effectiveness and efficiency

Budget review will include information on how spending proposals meet strategic and financial goals, how they account for coverage of contractual salary increases, the need for funded/vacant/proposed positions, and how strategic investment might further institutional goals. This will allow us to adapt to the current fiscal environment while strategically aligning resources with priorities. For more information, please click [here](#).

**II. STONY BROOK MANHATTAN UPDATE**

Stony Brook Manhattan, located at 387 Park Avenue South, ceased its operations on February 28. This decision was made after a thorough review and consideration of Stony Brook Manhattan's operations (including academic, administrative, event, conference and meeting space needs and usage), coupled with the significant increase in costs needed to maintain our presence there. The University Senate's Executive Committee, University Council, and Stony Brook Council were consulted with prior to making this decision. Certain departments are planning to hold classes at various locations in Manhattan.

### III. PROJECT 50 FORWARD UPDATE

The [Project 50 Forward website](#) recently underwent a major upgrade. The project listings now have dynamic links to project pages that will be leveraged to provide information and guidance as new processes and systems are developed, introduced and implemented. They will also be used to solicit feedback from the campus community.

Fourteen projects are currently progressing as part of our Project 50 Forward Initiative. The following four projects are of particular note:

- ***Click Portal Solutions*** is an exciting suite of software solutions for managing the business of research, with the goal of streamlining workflows and facilitating compliance for our research community. Six modules will ultimately be implemented. The first three modules are well underway and include: Conflict of Interest (COI), Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Grants. For more information, click [here](#).
- ***Facilitating Researcher Success*** is a University-wide effort with the goal of minimizing administrative activities that may impede investigators. Nine task forces and a steering committee have been formed and are following up on almost 200 comments that have been received. For more information, on this project, click [here](#).
- ***Travel Services (Concur)*** will automate, streamline and speed travel related processes (including booking trips and expense reporting). A collection of apps will provide an electronic itinerary and updates on mobile devices, allow electronic capture of expenses and receipts, and provide emergency notifications. The project recently started a detailed discovery phase and includes all travel – regardless of funding source. For more information, click [here](#).
- The Onboarding module of the ***Talent Management System (TMS)*** is in the final stages of testing and will go live this month – marking the conclusion of this very technically complex project. TMS is a single system for the entire recruiting and onboarding lifecycle for West Campus, Stony Brook Medicine and the Long Island State Veterans Home. For more information, click [here](#).

### IV. CAMPAIGN FOR STONY BROOK UPDATE

Since the University Senate last met, the Campaign for Stony Brook has secured an additional \$6 million in gifts and pledges for a new total of \$522.3 million. With 16 months until the completion of the Campaign, University Advancement will continue to garner the support of our alumni and donors to raise the remaining \$77.7 million of our \$600 million Campaign goal. A small sample of beneficiaries include:

- \$250,000 for Athletics to support Seawolves United, the Indoor Training Center and Stony Brook Baseball
- \$200,000 for the Concerned Women of the Grove Breast Cancer Innovation Fund
- \$125,000 for Stony Brook Children’s Hospital

For additional updates on the campaign, please visit [stonybrook.edu/campaign](http://stonybrook.edu/campaign).

## V. SPRING ENROLLMENT FINAL SNAPSHOT

A total of 24,534 students were registered at the end of Day 15 in spring 2017, 377 more than last year at the same point in the term. Compared to spring 2016, the following changes were observed by area:

- +253 West Campus Undergraduates
- -135 Graduate School (West, HSC, Southampton)
- +7 School of Professional Development
- +167 East Campus/HSC
- +35 Southampton location

This is the final snapshot until the end of the term; these numbers remain unofficial pending a final audit by the Office of Institutional Research, Planning & Effectiveness and reporting to the SUNY system office.

## VI. SBU'S ONLINE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS IN NURSING RANKED 8<sup>TH</sup> IN U.S.

Stony Brook University made College Choice's 50 Best Online Master's Degrees in Nursing ranking, placing eighth on the list. Several MS programs are available through the School of Nursing – mental health, nursing leadership, midwifery and more – and all can be completed via online distance learning.

## VII. FACULTY AND STUDENT ACCOLADES

I am pleased and proud to report on the following recent outstanding accomplishments of our faculty and students:

- **Charles Taber**, Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Education, has received the 2017 Giving Back Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the oldest and largest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education. The Giving Back Award honors college and university administrators who go above and beyond their everyday leadership duties and give back to their campuses and communities.
- **Fotis Sotiropoulos**, Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, has been selected by the Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI) to receive the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) 2017 Hunter Rouse Hydraulic Engineering Award. The award recognizes one individual each year who has made outstanding contributions to hydraulics and waterways. Sotiropoulos was recognized for his leadership in waterways research and application, and for generating a quantum leap forward in the development and application of computational fluid dynamics for waterways.
- The African wildlife conservation organization Tusk USA will honor renowned paleoanthropologist and conservationist **Richard Leakey** with the 2017 Tusk Legacy Award at its Wildlife Gala on April 6. Leakey, professor and chair of the Turkana Basin Institute (TBI), will be recognized for his tireless conservation efforts that reduced poaching in wildlife sanctuaries across Kenya.

- **Robert D. Hough, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences, was awarded the David P. Robbins Prize by the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). Presented once every three years, the award recognizes the author of an outstanding paper in algebra, combinatorics, or discrete mathematics. Dr. Hough’s “Solution of the minimum modulus problem for covering systems” was published in the *Annals of Mathematics*.
- The National Science Foundation’s most prestigious award for early-career faculty (CAREER) has been awarded to **Fan Ye**, Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. He will receive an award of \$450K over the next five years to build the foundation for a future smart environment. Together with a team of graduate students, Ye aims to develop the hardware and software needed for smart environments to operate with flexible and fine grained access control. For pilot studies, he will team up with the University Police Department to develop smart door lock access.
- **Qiyuan Wu** has received the 2017 Graduate Student Award in Environmental Chemistry from the American Chemical Society (ACS). As the world’s largest scientific society, the ACS awards up to 20 students each year who show promise in research and the potential to make an impact in the field of environmental chemistry. This is Wu’s third award from the ACS, and his achievements highlight the continued excellence in environmental research taking place at Stony Brook’s College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Wu graduated from Stony Brook *magna cum laude* with a degree in Engineering Science in 2012, and is now pursuing his PhD in Materials Science and Chemical Engineering. The primary focus of his research is to develop a new catalyst for vehicles in order to “clean up” the exhaust.

#### **VIII. LATHA CHANDRAN NAMED INAUGURAL MIRIAM AND DAVID DONOHO DISTINGUISHED TEACHING PROFESSOR**

A notable and national expert in training physicians, **Latha Chandran, MD**, was installed as the inaugural Miriam and David Donoho Distinguished Teaching Professor in the School of Medicine on February 16. The professorship was made possible thanks to Long Islanders **Miki and David Donoho**, whose generosity also established the Donoho Academy of Clinical and Educational Scholars (ACES) in 2012, which funds continuous career development for clinician-educators. The Academy actively recognizes and rewards faculty members who display dedication to the education of future doctors and who solve challenges in medical education and clinical scholarship. This endowed professorship allows Dr. Chandran, the ACES founding director, to remain continuously invested in creating training, mentoring and developing programs that enable academic clinicians to serve as thought leaders in their chosen specialties.

#### **IX. HONORARY DEGREE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

The Committee on Honorary Degrees will begin its work leading to the recommendation of candidates for SUNY Honorary Degrees to be awarded in 2018. The chair of the committee is **Dr. Charles Taber**, Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education and Dean of the Graduate School. The purposes of awarding honorary degrees by the State University of New York are:

- To recognize excellence in the fields of public affairs, the sciences, humanities and the arts, scholarship and education, business and philanthropy, and social services, which exemplify the mission and purposes of the State University of New York;
- To honor meritorious and outstanding service to the University, the State of New York, the United States, or to humanity at large; and
- To recognize persons whose lives serve as examples of the University's aspirations for its students.

Nominations should be sent to **Rayna Simon** via interoffice mail (zip = 4433) or email ([rayna.simon@stonybrook.edu](mailto:rayna.simon@stonybrook.edu)). **The deadline for submission is Friday, April 7.** To obtain further information, a complete list of past SUNY or Stony Brook honorary degree recipients, or a set of the guidelines adopted by the Board of Trustees, please contact Ms. Simon at 632-7035.

## **X. RECYCLEMANIA 2017**

Hundreds of universities and colleges are competing in this year's RecycleMania competition. The eight-week recycling competition is well underway and runs through April 1. Stony Brook University is once again looking to finish as the country's top campus recycler of e-waste. The Department of Recycling and Resource Management has placed e-waste and toner recycling receptacles in lobby spaces around campus. For larger e-waste items, such as printers or computers, the campus community is encouraged to contact the recycling department – which is offering free confidential document shredding and recycling receptacle drop-off and pick-up. To request recycling services, please submit work orders into the University's FIXIT work order system at [www.stonybrook.edu/fixit/](http://www.stonybrook.edu/fixit/). For more information on RecycleMania at Stony Brook, please contact Mike Youdelman at (631) 632-9673 or via email at [recycling@stonybrook.edu](mailto:recycling@stonybrook.edu).

## **XI. UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Celebrating SBU's 100 Gigabit per Second Connection to Internet2**

Please join me and **Melissa Woo**, Vice President for Information Technology, **on Thursday, March 9, at 9:00 am** in the Seminar Room of the Institute for Advanced Computational Science, as we recognize Stony Brook's achievement of becoming the first higher education institution in New York State to offer a 100 gigabit per second connection to the Internet2 Research Network.

### **Celebrating Women's History Month at Stony Brook**

Stony Brook University is recognizing Women's History Month by holding a series of exciting events that will take place on campus throughout the month. For a full listing of events, please click [here](#). All are encouraged to join the celebration by attending any of these fantastic events.

## **XII. RECENT EVENTS**

### **Staller Center for the Arts Gala 2017**

On March 4, the Staller Center for the Arts hosted its Gala 2017. Violinist **Itzhak Perlman**, recipient of more than a dozen Grammy and numerous Emmy awards, entertained before a packed

house. Perlman has collaborated on film scores for Schindler's List and Memoirs of a Geisha, and added "Excerpts from Fiddler on the Roof" to Broadway's newest cast recording. He has appeared with every major orchestra, and in recitals and festivals around the world.

### **Ribbon-Cutting Marks the Completion of Chávez and Tubman Residence Halls and East Side Dining**

Symbolizing our commitment to diversity and inclusion, Stony Brook's newest state-of-the-art student facilities were officially opened in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 22. Chávez and Tubman Residence Halls and the East Side Dining facility are fully equipped to provide a modern and convenient student life experience, as well as a safe and inclusive environment. The event also included performances by the student Gospel Choir and last year's Spoken Word Contest winner, **Zoe Sumner**. For more information on Chávez and Tubman Residence Halls and the East Side Dining facility, click [here](#).

## **XIII. ATHLETICS UPDATE<sup>1</sup>**

### **Academics**

- The Stony Brook Department of Athletics is proud to report a fall grade point average of 3.11 from among its 435 student-athletes. One hundred eight student-athletes earned a 3.5 term gpa or better, and 12 student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0.

### **Team Updates**

- **Swimming & Diving**: Director of Athletics **Shawn Heilbron** named two-time Olympian **Janelle Atkinson** as head women's swimming & diving coach. Atkinson joins the Stony Brook family after spending the past three seasons as the head coach of Fairfield University's men's and women's swimming & diving programs. She will now lead Stony Brook after our program was reinstated to coincide with the reopening of the University Pool. Competition will begin in the 2017-18 academic year.
- **Men's Basketball**: On February 18, the Department of Athletics retired the #20 basketball jersey of alumnus **Jameel Warney**. A ceremony honored Jameel during the team's half-time game against Binghamton. The regular season came to an end last weekend and finished with an overall record of 17-12 and a conference record of 12-4. After being selected during the pre-season to finish 7<sup>th</sup> in the conference, we are proud to be entering the conference tournament as the second seed. We will play at home, hosting the America East quarterfinal game against seventh-seeded Binghamton, on **Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00pm**.

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<sup>1</sup> As of February 27

- **Women's Basketball**: Senior **Kori Bayne-Walker** (Rochester, N.Y.) joined the 1,000 point club in a win at Binghamton. She became Stony Brook's 17<sup>th</sup> 1,000-point scorer. The team will face #1 seeded New Hampshire in the upcoming America East Championship in Portland, Maine.
- **Track & Field**: The Stony Brook indoor track and field teams closed out the America East Championships this past Saturday at the Boston University Track Center. The women's squad set a program-best with a second-place finish, while the men's team finished seventh. Junior **Kaylyn Gordon** (Spring Valley, N.Y.) was awarded Women's Field Event Performer of the meet, after winning both the long jump and triple jump. The quartet of **Holly Manning** (Napier, New Zealand), **Tiana Guevara** (Miller Place, N.Y.), **Annika Sisson** (Pittsburgh, P.A.) and **Melissa Riback** (West Babylon, N.Y.) won the women's 4x800 relay, breaking the school and America East record with a time of 8:57. 93.
- **Women's Lacrosse**: The team is currently ranked #7 in the country. Undefeated at 3-0, the team has several big games ahead of them, including #11 Northwestern on March 4 at LaValle Stadium and at #3 Florida on March 11. Junior **Kylie Ohlmiller** (Islip, N.Y.) is currently ranked 5<sup>th</sup> nationally in assists per game, while Kylie and senior **Courtney Murphy** (Shirley, NY) are tied at 13<sup>th</sup> in goals per game.
- **Men's Lacrosse**: The team broke into the top 20 (#18) and improved to 3-0 after upsetting #10/9 Brown recently. The Seawolves' 25 goals against the Bears tied the Division I record of goals scored in one game. So far on the season, senior midfielder **Alex Corpolongo** (Purdys, N.Y.) was named America East Offensive Player of the Week, while freshman **Cory VanGinhoven** (Fort Mill, N.C.) earned Rookie of the Week honors.