



# Stony Brook University

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** University Senate

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

**DATE:** April 7, 2014

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

### I. STATE BUDGET UPDATE

The 2014-15 New York State budget was recently enacted. A summary of the budget is detailed below:

- **Operating Budget**
  - \$7.6 million distributed to SUNY to address \$82.2 million UUP salary increases
  - \$87.8 million for all three state hospitals
  - \$44.9 million for the Long Island State Veteran's Home
  - \$872,333 for CEWIT and \$872,333 for AERTC
  - \$920,000 for Stony Brook's Center for Advanced Technologies
  - Tuition Assistance Program increased to a maximum award of \$5,165
  - \$8 million in new funding to provide STEM Scholarship for the top 10% of NYS high school graduates who agree to work in in NY for 5 years
  - \$333,000 for the Marine Animal Laboratory
  - EOP received \$22.4 million statewide
  - \$55 million for NY SUNY 2020 Round IV
- **Capital Budget**
  - Critical maintenance reduced system-wide to \$402 million; Stony Brook to receive \$83.7 million
  - \$60 million for a new Mezzanine Building
  - New capital funding of \$49 million (subject to a plan approved by the BOT & DOB)
  - \$15 million for a new College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity
  - \$10 million to establish a School of Pharmacy at Binghamton University
  - \$55.7 million to the University at Buffalo for the NY Genomic Medicine Network
  - \$180 million for Nano Utica at SUNY IT
- **Hospital**
  - Enacted budget creates \$1.2 billion in capital funding for public/private health center facilities for purposes of continuing transformation efforts to a more patient-centered system that improves population health

- **Re-Appropriations**
  - \$24.2 million for the Computational Biomedicine Visualization and Drug Development Facility
  - \$5.7 million for LaValle Stadium
  - \$5 million for a monorail feasibility study
  - \$7.5 million for a Southampton Student Center addition
  - \$250,000 towards planning Stony Brook University Law School
- **Additional Budget Issues**
  - DREAM Act was rejected
  - Efforts to strengthen the Maintenance of Effort provision of NY SUNY 2020 was rejected

## **II. STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY CONTINUES TO BE AN ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT FOR DONORS**

To date this fiscal year, we have secured \$21.3 million in new gifts and pledges in support of our deserving students and faculty. More than \$13 million is earmarked for undergraduate and graduate student financial aid, faculty awards, and research. Notable gifts include: \$3 million from the Herrnstein Family to create the Global Health Institute; \$3.5 million from the Bahl Family to advance molecular imaging research and clinical care; \$750,000 from the Cherith Foundation to create a Chair in Biomedical Imaging (currently held by **Dr. Joel Saltz**); over \$1.4 million in gifts to the Turkana Basin Institute field research construction fund; \$500,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Care Center from the Lombardi CURE Foundation; and \$90,000 for a new Seawolves batting facility for the baseball team.

Building a culture of philanthropy is a long term endeavor. Thanks to our generous friends and alumni, the exceptional work of our faculty and the outstanding caliber of our students, we have the foundation to build a highly productive fundraising program that is reflective of a major research university.

## **III. 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STARS OF STONY BROOK GALA TO HONOR DR. PATRICIA WRIGHT**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala will take place on **Wednesday, April 16 at Pier Sixty in New York City**. The Gala will honor Stony Brook Anthropology Professor **Patricia C. Wright, PhD.**, founder of Centre ValBio, a modern research campus in the rainforest of Madagascar. For almost three decades, Dr. Wright has combined her research on lemurs with efforts to preserve the country's endangered rainforests. To date, more than \$2.3 million has been raised thus far for student financial aid, the newly founded Global Health Institute, and Centre ValBio in Madagascar.

## **IV. START-UP NY PLAN APPROVED**

Stony Brook's Start-Up NY plan was recently approved by SUNY and the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) – one of the first of eight plans approved. Our plan remains substantially unchanged since we submitted it to our various stakeholders for comment over the winter. We are in the process of putting the finishing touches on Stony Brook's Start-Up NY website, which will house our plan and contact information. To date, we have received more than

100 inquiries and are in the process of determining who fits our requirements and who does not. Once we have a viable list of inquiries we will begin the process of vetting them according to the plan and available space.

#### V. **PROJECT 50 FORWARD UPDATE**

I recently provided a video message update to the community on the successes of Project 50 Forward. This message highlights the benefits of this important initiative and I encourage you to take a few minutes to view this video: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/pres/video.html>.

#### VI. **OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND EFFECTIVENESS (OIRPE) UPDATE**

Under the direction of **Dr. Matthew Whelan**, Vice-President for Strategic Initiatives and led by new Assistant Vice President for Institutional Planning, Research and Effectiveness, **Dr. Braden Hosch**, OIRPE is beginning to make inroads in assisting with university research needs. The office is increasing its capacity and anticipates bringing the professional staff up from two to six. Dr. Hosch is also co-leading an effort to better align university research needs with the development of the data warehouse.

#### VII. **STONY BROOK CITED IN 2015 EDITION OF U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT BEST GRADUATE SCHOOL**

Stony Brook University is home to many highly-ranked programs in graduate education according to the 2015 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Graduate Schools" publication. Among those graduate programs reviewed for this year's edition, Stony Brook's Physics graduate program ranks 23<sup>rd</sup> under which the Nuclear Physics "specialty program" ranked 4<sup>th</sup>. The Mathematics program is ranked 25<sup>th</sup> with two Math "specialty programs" also ranking very high: Geometry, 4<sup>th</sup> and Topology, 11<sup>th</sup>. Earth Sciences ranked 34<sup>th</sup>; Computer Science rose from 44<sup>th</sup> to 40<sup>th</sup>; Biological Sciences jumped 13 places from 68<sup>th</sup> to 55<sup>th</sup> and Chemistry ranked 56<sup>th</sup>. Stony Brook University School of Medicine increased in the ranking to 56<sup>th</sup> and the School of Engineering was ranked 69<sup>th</sup> overall. In addition, the following online programs were ranked in the top 100: Stony Brook's Online Graduate Nursing Programs ranked 16<sup>th</sup>; Online Graduate Education Program ranked 22<sup>nd</sup>; and the Online Business Program ranked 99<sup>th</sup>.

#### VIII. **STUDENT & FACULTY ACCOLADES**

##### **Senior Neha Kinariwalla Receives Gates Cambridge Scholarship**

Stony Brook University senior **Neha Kinariwalla** of Sayville, NY, is the first Stony Brook University undergraduate to receive a prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship. As a Gates Cambridge Scholar, Kinariwalla will pursue an MPhil degree in Modern Society and Global Transformations at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. The extremely competitive Gates Cambridge Scholarship, awarded to only 40 US recipients each year, was established by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in 2000 to support post-graduate study at the University of Cambridge and to build a global network of leaders dedicated to improving the lives of others. Kinariwalla, a WISE (Women in Science Education) student majoring in Sociology with a minor

in International Studies, is enrolled in Stony Brook's Scholars for Medicine Program (2015-2019), an integrated eight-year program that offers a combined Bachelor's/MD course of study while participating in pre-medical classes and activities.

#### **Fifteen SBU Students Honored with SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence**

Fifteen outstanding undergraduate students were honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence at a ceremony on April 2 in Albany at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. This year's awardees are: **Safa Abdelhakim, Connor Beierle, Dara Bobb-Semple, Kevin Chavez, Olivia Cheng, Derek Cope, Kara DeSanna, Raniah EL-Gendi, Neha Kinariwalla, Ariana Levin, Surinder Moonga, Bryan Nguyen, Ali Syed, Justin Thomas and Jean Claude Velasquez.** The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created in 1997 to recognize students who have best demonstrated, and have been recognized for, the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts, campus involvement or career achievement.

#### **Alexander Orlov Named National Academy of Sciences' Kavli Fellow**

**Alexander Orlov, PhD**, Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, has been named a 2014 Kavli Fellow by the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Orlov was selected for his research of nanotechnology for environmental and energy applications and recently presented his work entitled "Nanotechnology for environmental and energy applications: from nanoscale to urban scale" at a Kavli Frontiers of Science symposium in California on April 4.

### **IX. RECENT EVENTS**

#### **EOP/AIM Celebrates 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Gala in Harlem**

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), which began at Stony Brook University in 1968, celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 29 at MIST Harlem in New York City. University administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends gathered to celebrate the program's history – from its first director, Professor **Aaron W. Godfrey** from SBU's Latin and Classical Studies, to current director **Cheryl Hamilton**, who has brought 20 strong years of academic excellence to the program – and honor its many alumni, who over the years have become trailblazers, leaders and educators.

For 45 years the program has been "Making Excellence Available" to all, providing access, academic support and additional financial assistance to make higher education conceivable for thousands of underrepresented students. Since its launch, the EOP/AIM (Advancement on Individual Merit) program at Stony Brook has helped more than 5,000 students receive their undergraduate degrees.

#### **Investiture Ceremony for Joel Strum Kenny Professor Yusuf A. Hannun, MD**

**Dr. Yusuf A. Hannun, MD**, an internationally renowned cancer researcher and Director of the Stony Brook University Cancer Center, was formally installed as the Joel Strum Kenny Professor in Cancer Research during a Stony Brook University Investiture Ceremony on March 11. The ceremony also recognized Stony Brook University Past President Shirley Strum Kenny and her

husband, Robert W. Kenny, as the endowed professorship honors the legacy of their son, Joel Strum Kenny, a scholar, educator and rabbi, who lost his battle against leukemia.

### **Stony Brook's Best and Brightest Gather at the Inaugural Student Scholarship Reception**

Scholarship recipients for 2014 gathered for the inaugural Student Scholarship Reception on March 5 at the Hilton Garden Inn Stony Brook. Designed to celebrate the success of Stony Brook's best and brightest students and expand their on-campus networking opportunities and skills, nearly 150 students attended the reception. I had the opportunity to meet and express my admiration for this talented group.

## **X. FACILITIES UPDATE**

Campus Operations and Maintenance will begin a lighting and HVAC controls energy conservation project this month. This initiative will include retrofitting interior lighting with a mix of energy efficient fluorescent and LED technologies, installation of lighting occupancy controls, and upgrades to HVAC controls and equipment in many of our buildings.

In the next few weeks, we will be expanding our Wolf Ride Bike Share program with additional bikes and solar powered stations at the Melville Library, Javits Lecture Center, Center for Molecular Medicine and Life Sciences buildings, as well as in Mendelsohn and H Quads. Lastly, we will be installing electric vehicle charging stations in the Administration parking garage, Stadium parking lot, Life Sciences meter parking lot and the Heavy Engineering meter parking lot.

## **XI. ATHLETICS UPDATE**

**Women's Lacrosse:** Currently ranked #17/16, Head Coach **Joe Spallina** and the Stony Brook Women's Lacrosse team continue to impress with a five game winning streak and an 8-2 record (as of April 3). The Seawolves notched their 100th program win over Iona on March 20, led by Freshman **Dorrien Van Dyke** (Northport, N.Y.). Senior goalie **Frankie Caridi** (East Northport, N.Y.) recently captured her fourth America East Defensive Player of the Week honor in seven weeks.

**Men's Lacrosse:** Head Coach **Jim Nagle** and the Stony Brook Men's lacrosse team recently hosted No.1 ranked Maryland in front of a crowd of nearly 3,000 at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium before falling in a close loss 11-8. The Seawolves opened America East Conference play at the end of March and will host the 2014 America East Conference Tournament in early May.

**Men's and Women's Track & Field:** Under Head Coach **Andy Ronan**, the Seawolves opened their outdoor season with a home meet at University Track on March 29. The women's track and field team tallied 11 top-three finishes while the men racked up 10 in the Stony Brook Quad Meet.

**Baseball:** Head Coach **Matt Senk** and the Stony Brook baseball team are off to an impressive start to conference play. The Seawolves earned three America East weekly honors after sweeping Albany and improving their conference record to 4-1. Senior pitcher **Frankie Vanderka** (Levittown, N.Y.) led the Seawolves with an incredible feat, pitching his third career no-hitter

and second complete shutout of the season. Senior **Kevin Courtney** (Lindenhurst, N.Y.) was recently named one of 30 candidates for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award, awarding student-athletes that use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

**Softball:** Head Coach **Megan Bryant** and the Stony Brook Softball team opened their season's conference play winning 2 out of 3 games against Albany. Junior pitcher **Allison Cukrov** (Irvine, C.A.), was recently named America East Pitcher of the Week, posting a 2.47 ERA and striking out 18 batters in 17 innings.