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TO: University Senate

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SUBJECT: President's Report to the University Senate

I. STATE BUDGET UPDATE

On March 30, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and the State's legislative leadership announced the early passage of the 2012-13 New York State Budget. There were several components of the budget with direct impact to Stony Brook University. Included among these were:

- The repurposing of \$53 million associated with other Stony Brook University projects for use in the development of the Medical and Research Translation (MART) Building and the Stony Brook Children's Hospital.
- The official designation of "Center of Excellence" for Stony Brook's Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center, located in SBU's Research and Development Park. The Center will receive \$500,000 in seed money for operations.
- The passage of a technical amendment to the NY-SUNY 2020 legislation, which allows Stony Brook to benefit from the full five years of increased out-of-state tuition and academic excellence fees. Because Stony Brook's plan was not approved until December of 2011, the University did not collect the increased tuition and fee revenue that was to begin with the fall 2011 semester. This amendment authorizes the collection of the increased tuition and fees starting this semester through the spring semester of 2016.
- A total of \$89.8 million in State support for hospital budgets. (This reflects \$60 million as proposed in the Governor's Executive Budget and an additional \$29.8 million added by the Legislature.) The \$60 million will be distributed according to SUNY's budget allocation process, and each hospital will receive an equal share of the remaining \$29.8 million. As a note, the overall funding of \$89.8 million in the 2012-13 budget is still \$25.2 million less than the amount received by the three hospitals in the 2009-10 budget.
- The rejection of proposed changes to the Excess Medical Malpractice Pool for Physicians that would have dropped some faculty physicians from receiving coverage under the state-funded pool.
- The Legislature's rejection of a proposal in the Governor's Executive Budget to sweep \$884,000 from the Long Island State Veterans Home. An identical proposal passed last year, but SBU has been assured that the State will not sweep the funds under last year's authorizing language.

Stony Brook has been asked to host an information session related to the State's new budget, which is expected to take place in the Wang Center next week. Specific details, including the date and time, will be made available to the campus community when they are released by the Governor's Office. It is anticipated that either the Lt. Governor or a Cabinet Member will be on hand to make the presentation and answer audience questions.

II. **ADVANCEMENT UPDATE**

April and May will be very productive months for our Office of University Advancement and the Stony Brook Foundation. In addition to our day-to-day fundraising work, on **April 25** we will host our Stars of Stony Brook Gala expected to raise more than \$1 million for student scholarships and \$1 million to create an endowment to support the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center. On **April 28**, we will host the inaugural Generation One alumni reunion. We expect more than 400 alumni to visit campus and rekindle their relationship with their alma mater. On **May 2**, we will host a fundraiser to advance the historic work at the Turkana Basin Institute (TBI). We expect to raise \$1.8 million from this event. On **May 7**, we will dedicate the Laufer Center for Physical and Computational Biology and celebrate the \$10 million gift from Marsha and Henry Laufer. All of this builds upon the most successful fundraising year in Stony Brook University's history. The "It's About Us" faculty and staff campaign is up and running. This is our chance to show our donors and friends how much faculty and staff believe in and appreciate Stony Brook University. Additional details regarding some of the abovementioned events can be found later in this report.

III. **RECENT APPOINTMENTS/ONGOING SEARCHES**

Dr. Benjamin Hsiao Appointed New VP for Research

After an extensive international search, I am pleased to report that **Dr. Ben Hsiao**, Professor and Chair of the Stony Brook University Chemistry Department, has been named SBU's New Vice President for Research, effective May 1. Dr. Hsiao has an extensive background in research, academics, technology development, and service and has been employed here at Stony Brook University for 15 years. Starting as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1997, he has worked his way up the academic ranks, earning the rank of professor in 2002 and being appointed chair of the department in 2007. Dr. Hsiao received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from National Taiwan University in 1980. Two years later, he received his Ph.D. in Materials Science at the University of Connecticut and engaged in post-doctoral training in Chemistry and Polymer Science & Engineering at the University of Massachusetts. He later joined the E.I. DuPont Company as a staff scientist in the Experimental Station in Wilmington, Delaware, and spent eight years in research and development before joining the Chemistry Department at Stony Brook. Dr. Hsiao, who has achieved international prominence in the field of polymer science, is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. Most recently, he was named a Fellow of the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for his distinguished contributions to the fields of polymer sciences and water purification, as well as to chemical research and education at Stony Brook University. In addition to being elected a 2011 AAAS Fellow, he was elected as Fellow of the American Physical Society in 2002 and Fellow of the American Chemical Society in 2011. He also received the Chang-Jiang Professorship from the Education Ministry of China in 2008.

I would like to thank Search Committee Chair, Dr. Bob Haltiwanger, and the committee for a well organized and successful search as well as members of the University Senate who participated in various phases of the search process.

Vice President for Finance Search Moving Ahead

The Search committee for our next Vice President for Finance, which is led by Barbara Chernow and comprised of faculty, staff and students drawn from our East and West campuses, together with Stony Brook Council and Foundation Board members, has been working with Brill Neumann Associates as it prepares to review the credentials of initial candidates. The position, which has been advertised in a number of periodicals/online, including the Chronicle of Higher Education, National Black MBA Association, Women in Higher Education, NACUBO, and Diverse Issues in Higher Education, is drawing considerable interest. Brill Neumann reports that, within the first few weeks of the search, they received over 170 applications. They tell us that the position and the University have

attracted strong interest and we have applicants from both the public and private sector. Initial candidate consideration will be complete by mid-month, with first round interviews taking place in early May. A website detailing the VP for Finance search, with a listing of search committee members, has been developed and can be accessed at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/vpfinancesearch/>.

IV. KEY DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS

Stars of Stony Brook Gala Scheduled for this Month

The 2012 **Stars of Stony Brook Gala** will honor actor-writer-director and four-time Academy Award nominee Ed Harris and The Pollack-Krasner Foundation on Wednesday, **April 25** at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers in New York City. This event is part of a year-long celebration commemorating the 100th birthday of abstract impressionist painter Jackson Pollock. Proceeds from the Stars of Stony Brook Gala will support scholarships and the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center.

Tavis Smiley and Cornel West to Give Campus Lecture

Award-winning broadcaster Tavis Smiley and Dr. Cornel West, one of the nation's leading public intellectuals, will present "The Rich and the Rest of Us: A Poverty Manifesto", on **Thursday, April 26 at 5 p.m.** The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the Staller Center for the Arts Main Stage. There will be a book signing in the Staller Center Lobby immediately following the event at 6 p.m.

SBU Plans Historic Reunion for Alumni from 1961-1981

More than 32,000 Stony Brook University alumni have been invited to return to campus for an **April 28** reunion that will celebrate the University's first generation of graduates, those who attended from 1961 to 1981. The so-called "Generation One" reunion will take place in the University's Pritchard Gym and will feature cocktails, dining and dancing along with sights and sounds of life on the campus during Stony Brook's first 20 years. A number of professors from the Generation One era, including faculty selected "most favorite" by Stony Brook alums, have been invited to participate. For more information, call (631) 632-6330 or e-mail alumni@stonybrook.edu or visit the reunion page: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/generationone>.

Save the Date

Please save the date for the following important University events and activities:

- The Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting of the **Laufer Center for Physical and Quantitative Biology** will take place on **Tuesday, May 7 at 4:00 pm**. For more information, contact Diana Hannan, Director of Conferences and Special Events, at (631) 632-6320 or via email at Diana.Hannan@stonybrook.edu.
- The Stony Brook University Alumni Association will host its annual **Scholarship Golf Classic on Monday, June 18, 2012**, at Willow Creek Golf and Country Club in Mt. Sinai. For more information, call (631) 632-4466.

V. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Dubin Family Athletic Performance Center Nearly Complete

The Dubin Family Athletic Performance Center, an 8,000 square foot state-of-the-art strength and conditioning center, is in its last few months of construction. The official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, May 30 at 2 pm** and will honor Glenn Dubin and his family for their generous \$4.3 million gift to make this facility possible.

Team Updates

Baseball - Head Coach Matt Senk has the baseball team off to an impressive 17-8 record heading into conference play this weekend against Binghamton at Joe Nathan Field.

Women's Lacrosse - Currently on a four-game winning streak, the Women's Lacrosse team is 2-0 in conference play and poised to make a run at a conference title. Junior Claire Petersen (Wantagh, NY) is leading the nation in points per game (6.56) and has broken several team records this season. Coach Spallina and the team take on conference foe University of Vermont this Saturday at LaValle Stadium.

Softball - Head Coach Megan Bryant and the softball team are off to a strong start and have won their last six home games. Behind outstanding play from freshman pitcher Allison Cukrov (Irvine, CA), the team is currently a half game out of first place with only one conference loss. The team is ranked No. 23 in the latest mid-major softball poll and will return to conference play next weekend at UMBC.