



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** University Senate

**FROM:** Paul M. Goldbart, Executive Vice President and Provost

**DATE:** December 6, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Provost's Report

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### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AACSB ACCREDITATION**

Stony Brook's College of Business has successfully earned accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, a global nonprofit association founded in 1916 that connects educators, students, and business to achieve a common goal: to create the next generation of great leaders.

### **SCHOOL OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT RENAMING**

The School of Health Technology and Management will be renamed the School of Health Professions. Dean Stacy Jaffe Gropak, the faculty, and staff unanimously agreed to change the name to more accurately reflect the offerings and opportunities available to students seeking programs to study health professions, and to better demonstrate the School's identity, paving the way for an increase in collaboration and inter-professionalism that reflects the School's mission, vision, and goals.

### **UPDATES FROM GLOBAL AFFAIRS**

The SBU Home Abroad program for international students, hosted by the Office of Global Affairs, offers international students unable to travel to the United States the opportunity to take classes at local partner institutions in China, Korea, Taiwan, Germany, Italy, and Japan. The program, which began with seven students in China, extended to more than 300 students in Fall 2020, and over 600 enrollments to date. Global Affairs worked with dozens of departments and academic units to create transfer articulations with each partner institution.

Additionally, SUNY reopening plan has been approved by the executive chamber. Effective Spring 2022, Stony Brook is approved for select international undergraduate activities in Spain Italy, Korea, Chile, Kenya. The Office of Global Affairs looks forward to additional openings in the future.

### **UPDATES FROM ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT**

The Office of Enrollment Management has launched an earlier application processing window, releasing the first 2,000 freshmen admission decisions before Thanksgiving. This continues the office's move

towards an Early Action deadline next year. Enrollment Management will also move awarding of scholarships ahead this year in line with competing institutions.

Enrollment Management is continuing the SLATE admissions system merger between HSC and the Graduate School to improve systems and consistency between SLATE instances across campus. The Provost's Office and Enrollment Management recognize this has been a challenge for our faculty and programs, and will be offering additional training and improving communication and processing systems to ease this transition. Academic units are encouraged to continue working through their Program Directors and Coordinators, to reach out to Maria Campenella or Dawn Medley with issues or concerns.

## **NEW ACCELERATING RESEARCH PROGRAMS**

In collaboration with the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Provost's Office is pleased to announce three initiatives in support of research and scholarship at Stony Brook.

- Provostial Venture Fund Awards: designed to stimulate, facilitate, and reward efforts targeting medium/large external funding opportunities focused around the ten areas initially highlighted by the United States Innovation and Competition Act and which are the focus of the recent Tiger Teams.
- The next generation of Tiger Teams (biomedical Tiger Teams): Following the beneficial experience of the Tiger Teams initiative, the Offices of the Provost and of the Vice President for Research are launching a similar effort, now focusing on areas with significant potential for impact in biomedical research and public health.
- Support for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences: The initiatives featured in this program are inspired by recommendations from a Stony Brook working group led by Dr. Amy Cook and composed of artists, humanists, and social scientists.
  - New seed grant program dedicated to research in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Each grant will provide approx. \$20,000 to support creative efforts with a view to targeting external grants and awards.
  - Funding for three grants, each award will up to \$10,000 in research funds and \$5,000 for implementation of a mentoring program for faculty applying for Guggenheim, NEA, NEH and other programs
  - Two \$25,000 grants to promote the development of new research teams to explore interdisciplinary areas of scholarly work and tackle grand challenge areas.

These new initiatives expand on the support provided through the FAHSS (Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences) program and the Humanities Institute, and will be launched in Spring 2022.

## **UPDATES ON FACULTY AND STAFF HIRING**

Over the past several months, primarily August through mid-September, the Provost's Office implemented an approach to faculty and staff hiring that was developed in partnership with the President's Office: a multi-year, all-funds, strategic, approach. In his report, the Provost will outline this new approach, its development, challenges, opportunities, and next steps.

## **UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES**

[Chang Kee Jung Wins American Physical Society's 2022 Lilienfeld Prize](#)

[LI Music Hall of Famer Named Shirley Strum Kenny Student Arts Festival Partner](#)

[Robert Crease Awarded 2021 Institute of Physics William Thomson, Lord Kelvin Medal and Prize](#)

[Emily Carll '20 Selected for Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship](#)