



MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate
FROM: Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.
President
DATE: October 6, 2014
SUBJECT: President's Report

I. ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2014

Stony Brook began the fall 2014 semester with 24,183 students, 529 more students than last year. Day five enrollment numbers, which were reported on September 2, came in at 24,683 students, which reflects an increase of 500 more students than on opening day and 498 more students than on day five in fall 2013. So far, this year's enrollment count shows an increase in the number of West Campus undergraduates, as well as a greater number of students on East Campus and Southampton Campus. The greatest recorded decrease has been the number of students enrolled in the School of Professional Development. Final enrollment numbers were released on Tuesday, September 16 and we remain strong with total enrollment at 24,648. The median high school GPA of our enrolled freshman class was a 93 and the median SAT score was 1240.

II. PROJECT 50 FORWARD

The Operational Excellence mission of Stony Brook University's Project 50 Forward "is to create a more effective and efficient organization to better serve Stony Brook faculty and students in their pursuit of excellence in research, education, and discovery." I am happy to report that out of the 36 operational excellence projects that were identified 8 are complete, 24 are in progress and 4 are in diagnostic stage. The 2013-2014 total annual savings were \$11,616,000 and the cumulative three-year savings total \$34,774,000. At the core, this project is to support our University's academic mission to support faculty and students.

III. FACILITIES UPDATE

As we kick off this new academic year, I thought you might be interested in the status of an exciting project that will surely enhance our University:

Medical and Research Translation Building Construction Update

As previously reported, Stony Brook is in the middle of constructing a new Medical and Research Translation (MART) building on the East Campus. The construction of the MART building is progressing well. This 240,000 square foot, eight story facility will be the University's new

headquarters for cancer research, advanced medical imaging, biomedical informatics and cancer care. The building will be located adjacent to the new 225,000 square foot University Hospital Bed Tower, also under construction, which will be the future home of Stony Brook Children's Hospital. To date major work accomplished includes: early site package consisting of site clearance, demolition of existing structures, utilities, drainage and a major retaining wall. The foundation is 90 percent completed for the building and the steel work is expected to be finished by December. The foundations for the Bed Tower are in progress as well. The bids for the Fit out package were received and the award is expected later this month. Additional work to be completed includes the foundations and steel erection for the Bed Tower and the curtain wall fabrication for MART.

IV. CAMPUS SAFETY UPDATE

The recently published 2014 Annual Security Report is a valuable resource to members of the campus community and highlights the significant commitment the University places on the safety of all individuals who visit our campus. Contained in the report are policies and procedures focusing on the many resources that are available and the protocols in place that make Stony Brook University an extremely safe campus.

V. TITLE IX UPDATE

As previously reported, significant efforts are being made at Stony Brook University to address issues associated with Title IX. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a comprehensive federal civil law that protects people from discrimination based on sex in educational programs or activities that receive federal funds. Over the past several years, the Department of the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) and President Obama have paid significant attention to Title IX. Since 2001, OCR has released 4 sets of guidelines to direct institutions on how to address Title IX issues. Stony Brook has spent time studying the new guidelines and amending institutional policies to reflect best practices and the guidance by OCR. One of the initiatives that I would like to highlight is an online Title IX and Clery training course for students, faculty and staff. The student version is currently being administered and the faculty and staff will be rolled out later in the fall term.

VI. FACULTY ACCOLADES

Dennis Sullivan Receives Balzan Prize for Mathematics

Dennis Parnell Sullivan, PhD, Professor of Mathematics at Stony Brook University and the Albert Einstein Professor of Science and Distinguished Professor of Mathematics at the City University of New York Graduate School and University Center, is the recipient of the 2014 Balzan Prize for Mathematics (pure or applied). He was selected by the International Balzan Prize Foundation for his "major contributions to topology and the theory of dynamical systems, opening new perspectives for generations to come. For his exceptional results in many fields of mathematics, such as geometry, the theory of Kleinian groups, analysis and number theory." The Prize comes with a financial award of 750,000 Swiss Francs (\$800,000 USD), half of which must be used to support research projects.

Stanley Feldman Awarded Grant to Study Empathy and Social Welfare

Stanley Feldman, a Professor in the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Political Science and associate director of the Center for Survey Research, was awarded an \$114,993 grant from the National Science Foundation's Division of Social and Economic Sciences for the study titled, "Empathy and Social Welfare." Center for Survey Research Director Leonie Huddy is the co-principle investigator for the year-long research period, which began September 4. The project will look at how humanitarian crises like civil wars, ethnic conflict, poverty, violence and natural disasters like Superstorm Sandy, influence public opinion and ultimately political agendas. Specifically, researchers will investigate one major factor not yet studied adequately – empathy.

VII. NEW RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Deepwater Wind, Stony Brook University and AWS TruePower Launch Research Initiative Focused on Offshore Wind Energy

On September 24, Deepwater Wind announced a collaborative study of Long Island's offshore wind resources with Stony Brook University (SBU), and AWS Truepower (AWS), an Albany, NY- based wind energy consultant. Already underway, this collaboration will provide SBU with tools and resources that will strengthen our atmospheric research in the growing renewable energy industry and support the development of the Deepwater ONE project.

VIII. RECENT UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

Bailey Named Senior Vice President for Advancement

Dexter Bailey was named Senior Vice President for Advancement on September 17. Dexter previously served as Vice President for Advancement. The new title of Senior Vice President for Advancement reflects Dexter's important work, and the way in which he has elevated the role of Advancement on the overall success of the University. Dexter's new position will provide Advancement with the tools and access the department needs to engage in planning, growth and development of Stony Brook in a more strategic and impactful way. Since he joined Stony Brook, the now 60-person-strong Advancement Department has helped generate a total of \$357 million which includes philanthropic activity in the areas of new gifts and pledges supporting student financial aid, campus life, faculty teaching and research, scientific and teaching laboratories, hospital and other University facilities. This effort has resulted in a return investment of \$45 for every dollar invested in Advancement. One of Dexter's most significant contributions while at Stony Brook has been his role in managing the single most transformational gift in the history of Stony Brook University – a \$150 million donation from Jim and Marilyn Simons and the Simons Foundation.

IX. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Baseball – Former Stony Brook baseball All-American Nick Tropeano (West Islip, N.Y.) is headed to the big leagues as his contract has been selected by the Houston Astros, making him the third Seawolves player of all-time to be on an active Major League roster.

Baseball/Softball – The Department of Athletics unveiled a new 5,000- square foot Seawolves Hitting Facility that will serve the indoor practice needs of the baseball and softball teams. The Seawolves Hitting Facility is located in the Indoor Sports Complex adjacent to Pritchard Gymnasium.

Football - The Seawolves opened the season on August 28 against Bryant in front of the third-largest crowd in LaValle Stadium history (10,252). Sophomore transfer Stacey Bedell (Massachusetts) rushed for a game-high 116 yards in a 13-7 loss. The Seawolves played American International on September 13 at LaValle Stadium where Bedell rushed 130 yards and scored two touchdowns as Stony Brook defeated American International, 20-3. During Wolfstock weekend, Bedell rushed 102 yards against William and Mary.

Women's Soccer - Now in her 30th season as head coach at Stony Brook, Sue Ryan led the Seawolves to their first victory of the season with a 1-0 win against Delaware State on August 24. The team started competition against league teams on September 20 and will face Maine and UMBC for the next two games.

Volleyball - Opening her second season at Stony Brook, Coley Pawlikowski and the volleyball team traveled to Chicago to open the season in the DePaul Invitational the weekend of August 29-30. The team won 2 out of 3 games at the Invitational. The team also played at the Seawolves Invitational and won all three games.

X. RECENT EVENTS

Walter J. Hawrys Campus Recreation Center Dedicated

Stony Brook dedicated the new Campus Recreation Center in honor of Dr. Marilyn Simons' father Walter J. Hawrys on Friday, September 12. Mr. Hawrys was a bricklayer who worked to build our campus. He was a champion speed walker and was dedicated to health and fitness. The dedication of the Campus Recreation Center was a fitting way to acknowledge Mr. Hawrys' legacy to Stony Brook.

State of the University Address

The annual State of the University Address took place on Wednesday, September 17 at the Staller Center Main Stage. I had the pleasure of welcoming new faculty members and administrators to Stony Brook University. I was also pleased to announce a \$25 million donation from the Simons Foundation to support the Simons Center for Geometry and Physics. In addition, I was happy to report on the success of new faculty sponsored research awards.

Children's Hospital Groundbreaking

On September 24, Stony Brook broke ground on a new Children's Hospital building. The new building will be a 10-level Hospital Pavilion adjacent to Stony Brook University Hospital. The expansion will feature a newly built pediatric intensive care unit, adolescent unit, procedure suite, hematology/oncology unit, medical/surgical units and modern patient and family amenities; new adult critical care and cardiac care units; an expanded imaging department and increased support space throughout.

Wolfstock 2014 and Homecoming Football Game

Stony Brook celebrated Wolfstock 2014 on Saturday, September 27, prior to the homecoming football game against William and Mary. This greatly anticipated tradition, commonly referred to as "Long Island's Biggest Barbecue", featured a barbecue buffet, a Kids Zone, and entertainment. In addition to enjoying all of the activities associated with this homecoming barbecue tradition, more than 11,000 fans packed the stadium to cheer on the Seawolves.

New Arena Ribbon Cutting

Stony Brook celebrated the completion of phase II of the new 4,000-seat arena on Friday, October 3 with a ribbon cutting. The Arena is home to Stony Brook men's and women's basketball teams and features a new bowl seating configuration, an expanded concourse, new rest rooms, and concession stands among many other features. The ribbon cutting recognized the support of elected officials and others who made this project come to fruition.

XI. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

This year's Hispanic Heritage Month at Stony Brook University has begun with an opening ceremony on October 1st in the Student Activities Center Ballroom A. The ceremony kicks off a **month-long** celebration that includes seminars, dances and music by Stony Brook faculty, staff, and students, as well as invited guest performers. For a list of month long activities, please visit <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/hispanic-heritage/calendar.html>.

Presidential Lecture: Looking at the Presidency: From Nixon to Obama

Few journalists in American history have had the impact on their era and their craft that Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein have. On **Thursday, October 16 at 4:00 at the Staller Center Main Stage**, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein will give a presidential lecture: "Looking at the Presidency: From Nixon to Obama." Woodward, associate editor for The Washington Post, and Bernstein, Visiting Presidential Professor at Stony Brook University, are both frequent contributors on MSNBC, CNN and all other major networks. Four decades later, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists and co-authors of *All the President's Men* and *The Final Days* are still leading the charge for informative, unbiased journalism.

Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis Walk

On **Sunday, October 19**, Stony Brook Medicine is holding the *Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis* walk. Led by Dr. Ellen Li and Dr. Ramona Rajapakse, *Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis* is dedicated to raising awareness and support in order to help find a cure for digestive diseases. Check-in begins at **11:30 a.m.** and the walk starts at **1:00 p.m.** For additional information, visit: <http://stonybrookmedicine.edu/ccfawalk>.