



MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate
FROM: Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.
President
DATE: September 8, 2014
SUBJECT: President's Report

I. ENROLLMENT PHASE-IN AND DATA 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.

Student counts are updated every five-class days until the enrollment snapshot is taken at the close of business on Tuesday, September 16. Once this snapshot is taken, final enrollment numbers will be determined, as well as a more accurate profile of our 2014-15 freshman class.

II. MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION

It is my pleasure to announce that at its June 26 meeting, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education reaffirmed our accreditation and commended Stony Brook on the self-study process and report.

Middle States accreditation is an expression of confidence in an institution's mission and goals, performance and resources. Middle States' action clearly demonstrates that Stony Brook is in close alignment with the Commission's 14 accreditation standards of excellence. It affirms the high quality of our academic programs, the effectiveness and efficiency of our operations, and the quality and competence of our faculty, staff, and governance process.

III. STONY BROOK COUNCIL

This past August, the Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo appointed three new members to the Stony Brook Council: **Linda Army**, **Father Alexander Karloutsos**, and **Reverend Michael Smith**. **Linda** is Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Bethpage Federal Credit Union. She succeeds Jeanne Garant and her term will expire on June 30th, 2018. **Father**

Alexander is the Assistant to Archbishop Demetrios of America, Spiritual Advisor to the Order of Saint Andrew Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in America and Faith: *An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism*. His term will end on June 30, 2020 and will succeed John J. Corrado. **Reverend Michael** of the Shinnecock Presbyterian Church in Southampton has been appointed to the Council until June 20, 2020 succeeding Diana Weir.

IV. **START-UP NY UPDATE**

Start-Up NY is an exciting university-based economic development initiative that was signed into law in June 2013. As you may recall, I assembled a working group last summer to review and brainstorm how Start-Up NY can enable Stony Brook to attract and continue to create new high technology businesses, while benefiting our students and furthering the University's mission. During the spring semester, the Empire State Development (ESD) Corporation accepted Stony Brook's proposal as a Start-Up NY location. I am happy to announce that we currently have seven companies waiting for approval from ESD to locate in our approved Start-Up space. I anticipate that we will have several more submissions to ESD in the coming weeks.

V. **STATE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015**

For the 2014-15 fiscal year, State support has remained flat other than a one-time funding allocation in the amount of \$1 million to support State negotiated salary increases. This will somewhat offset the impact of the \$9 million needed to cover the increases for our state employees this year. The remaining \$8 million shortfall was dealt with by distributing budget reductions to Vice President's (VP's) areas. As in the past, in an effort to support/protect the academic areas as much as possible, the percentage reduction assigned to academic vice presidents was half as much as the amount non-academic VP's were cut.

VI. **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

Fiscal Year 2013/2014 was another year of tremendous show of support by donors to Stony Brook University. University Advancement secured more than \$65 million in new gifts and pledges to assist our deserving students, faculty and research efforts. The momentum of Stony Brook University is evident and many friends and alumni have made significant investment in our future.

The following is a brief list of notable commitments to the University and Stony Brook Medicine that closed during the latter half of the past fiscal year:

- \$25 million from the Simons Foundation for the Simons Center for Geometry and Physics.
- \$2.5 million bequest commitments to the College of Arts and Sciences from two anonymous donors.
- \$1.5 million from six donors to complete Phase II of the Turkana Basin Institute infrastructure development project in Kenya.
- \$1.375 million from Nobel Biocare, Inc. for dental equipment in the School of Dental Medicine.
- \$1 million in technology, equipment and supplies from Henry Schein, Inc. for the Henry Schein Care Outreach Program at the School of Dental Medicine.
- \$750 thousand from Dialysis Clinic Incorporated (DCI) to establish the Martin R. Liebowitz Endowed Professorship in Nephrology Research.

There were many other important donor commitments that will advance our University's mission. It is thanks to you our outstanding students, dedicated staff and talented faculty that so many donors have the confidence to invest their time and treasure at Stony Brook University.

VII. FACILITIES UPDATE

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

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Marks Completion of \$23 Million West Side Dining Renovation

In May, we celebrated the \$23 million renovation and revitalization of our largest residential dining facility, West Side Dining. The 23,000 square foot dining facility now serves more than 30,000 customers per week and approximately 1,500 more customers per day than were served at the facility formerly known as Kelly Dining Center. The facility features a wide variety of food choices with many made-to-order stations such as Bob's BBQ, International Market, Kelly Deli and Corner Café.

Phase I of new Residence and Dining Hall

Construction has started on phase I of a new Residence and Dining Hall project. Phase I of the project will provide 303 beds and a new 60,000 square foot dining facility. Phase II includes space for 455 additional beds and is expected to break ground in Spring 2015.

Arena Phase II

Phase II of the arena renovation and addition is scheduled to be completed in September. Phase II includes new concessions stands, restrooms, and an expanded concourse.

New Computer Science Building

The new Computer Science building is expected to open in January 2015. This new facility includes offices, a 100-seat lecture hall, a 30-seat computer-teaching lab, a computer server room, and several specialized rooms to accommodate research projects.

VIII. FACULTY ACCOLADES

Patricia C. Wright Named 2014 Indianapolis Prize Winner

Patricia C. Wright, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Anthropology at Stony Brook has been awarded the Indianapolis Prize, the world's leading award for animal conservation. She is recognized for her heroic and selfless dedication to protecting the lemurs, ecosystems and people of Madagascar. She is the first woman to receive the award since its inception in 2006. Patricia will receive \$250,000 and the Lilly Medal, joining the ranks of some of the most notable conservationists in the world.

Sir Simon K. Donaldson Awarded Inaugural Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics

The Breakthrough Prize Foundation announced that **Sir Simon K. Donaldson, Ph.D.**, Professor of Mathematics in the Simons Center for Geometry and Physics and the Department of Mathematics and Professor of Pure Mathematics at Imperial College London, was selected to receive the inaugural Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics. The Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics rewards significant discoveries across the many branches of the subject. Sir Simon was acknowledged for the new revolutionary invariants of four-dimensional manifolds and for the study of the relation between stability in algebraic geometry and in global differential geometry, both for bundles and for Fano varieties.

Jared Farmer Receives National Award in Humanities

Jared Farmer, Ph.D. Associate Professor of History is the 2014 recipient of the Hiatt Prize in Humanities, a national honor awarded by The Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture. The award recognizes scholars devoted to the humanities in the early stages of their careers whose work shows extraordinary promise and has a significant public component related to contemporary culture. Jared is a prolific writer and educator. He will receive the Hiatt Prize and give a lecture on his scholarship at a luncheon at the George W. Bush Presidential Center in Dallas in November.

IX. ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HONORS

Stony Brook's Freedom School

For the second year in a row, Stony Brook University sponsored a Children's Defense Fund Freedom School this summer. The six-week experience provided fifty children from the Wyandanch and Longwood Central School Districts that just completed third grade with high quality academic enrichment. Stony Brook students, staff, and administrators, as well as a group of committed students from Longwood High School, dedicated great effort to help make this program a success. The school was the first of its kind on Long Island and the first in the SUNY system. Under the leadership of Marion Wright Edelman, the Children's Defense Fund developed Freedom Schools to address the achievement gap between children in poverty. I have committed to four more years of funding for the program.

Stony Brook Receives Highest Score in Princeton Review's 2015 Green Honor Roll

Stony Brook University has been named in Princeton Review's 2015 Green Honor Roll, an annual list that offers a measure of how environmentally friendly universities are on a scoring scale of 60 to 99. Stony Brook, one of 24 universities to receive a score of 99 (the highest possible), is among 861 colleges reviewed this year. As a recognized leader in the field of sustainability and included in the Princeton Review's "Guide to 334 Green Colleges" for the past five years, Stony Brook University takes pride in the numerous initiatives that led to the Princeton Review's 2015 Green Honor Roll.

Stony Brook Receives Top "Tree Campus USA" Designation By Arbor Day Foundation

Stony Brook University has been designated a "Tree Campus USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation, in recognition of the University's dedication to campus healthy forestry management, sustainability, and environmental stewardship. Stony Brook has planted over 2,120 trees, saplings, bushes and perennials in the past two years and since 2006-07, has planted over 4,925 trees, saplings, bushes and perennials as a part of its planting program.

X. **RECENT UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS/SEARCH UPDATES**

Kopp Named Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Sacha Kopp was named Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective August 11. Sacha reports directly to Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dennis Assanis but serves on my senior leadership team. He is responsible for overseeing the academic mission of the college, provides supervision of its departments and centers, and works with the provost and me to support excellence of the faculty and success of its undergraduate and graduate students. Prior to joining Stony Brook, Sacha served as Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education of the College of Natural Sciences and Professor of Physics at the University of Texas at Austin. He oversaw undergraduate affairs, and also assisted the Dean with instructional and student services budget management and in developing a strategic plan for the college. He created a new multidisciplinary degree, the Bachelor of Science and Arts, and a new freshman onboarding program, CNS101. He led the college in the use of online instructional tools, especially in the areas of pre-matriculation readiness, remediation and placement testing, and in the area of active engagement teaching pedagogies.

Heilbron Named Director of Athletics

Shawn Heilbron was named Director of Athletics. Shawn oversees Stony Brook University's Intercollegiate Athletics program including selection and management of coaching and administrative personnel; preparation of long-term program and financial plans; development and management of the annual operating budget for the Department of Athletics; media and sponsorship contract negotiations; coordination and oversight of athletics facilities and 20 intercollegiate athletics programs with nearly 450 student athletes. He is also responsible for compliance with regulations governing intercollegiate athletics and all applicable University, Conference and NCAA rules and policies, as well as Title IX and Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity guidelines. Prior to Stony Brook, Shawn served as Senior Associate Athletic Director for Development at Oregon State University (OSU). He led efforts to complete the Department of Intercollegiate Athletes' \$157 million fundraising goal as an element of OSU's broader fundraising initiative. Under his leadership, OSU kicked off the "Our Beaver Nation" annual giving program, he managed the capital projects, scholarship endowment, special events, sports specific fundraising and planned gifts. He also served as the primary administrator for OSU's Men's Basketball and Football programs.

Summers Named Chief Deputy to the President

Dr. Eddie Summers was named my Chief Deputy on August 1. Eddie reports directly to me and also serves as my advisor and chief of staff. As Chief Deputy, Eddie acts as my designee in circumstances when I cannot be present. He manages high-level relationships with internal and external constituencies representing my views as necessary with key stakeholders. Eddie is responsible for independently carrying out major responsibilities under the purview of my office, such as monitoring and evaluating unit activities, serving as chair of key committees and communicating with senior leadership at the University. He supervises several offices/programs that report into my office including Conferences and Special Events, Healthier U Initiatives, the Long Island Regional Advisory Council on Higher Education (LIRACHE) and the Ombuds Office. Eddie has more than eleven years of experience supporting a college or university president. Most recently Eddie served as Chief of Staff and Director of the Kelly Adirondack Research Center at Union College. Prior to Union College, he worked as an assistant to the President of Marist College and also served as an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration and Political Science and as Program Director for Marist Africa programs and the Presidential Referrals program.

Taber Named Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education

Dr. Charles Taber was named Vice Provost for Graduate and Professional Education on September 1. Chuck previously served as the Dean of the Graduate School and Professor of Political Science. In this new role, Chuck will continue as Dean of the Graduate School and take on the responsibility of leading the School of Professional Development. He will provide direction, support, oversight and advocacy for graduate and professional education across the University. Chuck will serve as a member of my senior leadership team and work collaboratively with College Deans and Directors of graduate and professional programs, as well as student governance, across campus to improve graduate and professional education at Stony Brook. I am confident that the merging of graduate and professional development programs will lead to a more robust portfolio of academic programs that prepares students for the workforce and help to better integrate research, education, and professional development. Chuck is an outstanding scholar, higher education professional, and a long-standing member of our community. He is well prepared to lead this area.

Leonard Named Director for Title IX and Risk Management

Marjolie Leonard was named Director for Title IX and Risk Management effective September 1. She previously served as Interim Director but has displayed outstanding talent, poise and knowledge of her area. Marjolie is responsible for serving as the designated agent of the University for implementing and coordinating all aspects of our Title IX compliance efforts. In her new role, she will continue to oversee the Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action (ODAA), a duty that she has held since 2013. She will also be responsible for developing and implementing a University-wide risk management program. Prior to joining the ODAA, Marjolie worked in University Community Standards in the Office of Student Affairs. She is experienced in receiving and investigating campus Title IX complaints and working collaboratively across campus.

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of the Students Retires

Dr. Jerrold Stein has informed me of his plans to retire from his position of Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students after 38 years of service at Stony Brook. Jerry has made a significant impact during his tenure including coining the now popular and ubiquitous phrase “What’s a Seawolf? I’m a Seawolf”, founded “The Spirit of Stony Brook” marching band, increased the number of students clubs and organizations on campus, spearheaded the Red Watch Band Initiative and was also a part of the committee that conceived the concept and implementation of Undergraduate Colleges, and so much more. He instilled a warm, supporting and caring campus climate while serving on my senior administrative teams. Jerry will be missed in his capacity as AVP and Dean of Students, though he has agreed to stay connected to Stony Brook in a limited, but meaningful capacity. A search for his replacement is currently underway.

XI. **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 all-time to be on an active Major League roster.

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. Stony Brook will take on FBS opponent Connecticut on September 6 in its first road contest of the year.

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.

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.

XII. **MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Walter J. Hawrys Campus Recreation Center Dedication

Stony Brook will dedicate the new Campus Recreation Center in honor of Dr. Marilyn Simons' father Walter J. Hawrys on **Friday, September 12 at 10 a.m.** 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 is a fitting way to acknowledge Mr. Hawrys' legacy to Stony Brook.

State of the University Address

The annual State of the University Address is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 17 at 1:00 p.m. at the Staller Center, Main Stage**. All members of the University community are encouraged to attend the address and officially welcome our new faculty members.

Children's Hospital Groundbreaking

On **Wednesday, September 24 at 11a.m.**, Stony Brook will break 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 will celebrate Wolfstock 2014 on **Saturday, September 27**, prior to the homecoming football game against the William and Mary. This greatly anticipated tradition, commonly referred to as "Long Island's Biggest Barbecue", will feature a barbecue buffet, a Kids Zone, and entertainment. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and our extended family of community members are encouraged to join us for the day's events and cheer on the Seawolves – kickoff time is **6:00 p.m.** For more information or tickets, visit:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/wolfstock/>.

New Arena Ribbon Cutting

Stony Brook will celebrate the completion of phase II of the new 4,000-seat arena on **Friday, October 3 at 10:30 a.m.** with a ribbon cutting. The Arena is home to Stony Brook men's and women's basketball team and features a new bowl seating configuration, an expanded concourse, new rest rooms, and concession stands among many other features. The ribbon cutting will recognize the support of elected officials and others who made this project come to fruition.