

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate

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

DATE: April 6, 2015

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. SUNY BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUPPORTS STONY BROOK SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

On March 18, the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees voted to adopt a resolution endorsing the University's effort to confer the Doctor of Pharmacy degree, subject to approval by the New York State Board of Regents. The vote is a major step toward establishing the Stony Brook University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SPPS). The SPPS would be the first School of Pharmacy on Long Island and will add to the existing Health Science Schools at Stony Brook University – joining the Schools of Dental Medicine, Health Technology and Management, Medicine, Nursing, Social Welfare, and the Program in Public Health. I am grateful for the support we received from the SUNY Board of Trustees, the University Senate and outside evaluators.

II. STATE BUDGET UPDATE

The 2015-16 New York State budget was recently enacted. A summary of the budget is detailed below:

- **Operating Budget**
 - \$18 million available for the SUNY Investment & Performance Fund – money available to each campus upon completion of a PIP for use in future years to improve access, completion, academic and post-grad success/services, research and community engagement
 - \$4.7 million system-wide distributed to SUNY to address salary increases
 - \$87.6 million for all three state hospitals
 - \$46.2 million for the Long Island State Veterans Home
 - \$1 million for CEWIT and \$1 million for AERTC
 - \$14.3 million system-wide for Centers for Advanced Technologies
 - \$333,000 for the Marine Animal Disease Laboratory
 - \$26.8 million system-wide for EOP

- Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) maximum award totals \$5,165 (which is unchanged from last year)
- **Capital Budget**
 - Critical maintenance reduced system-wide to \$200 million; Stony Brook to receive a total of \$41.2 million
 - \$150 million available for Long Island Economic Development plus an additional \$400 million for Economic Development
 - \$150 million for the Regional Economic Development Council
 - \$55 million for NY SUNY 2020
 - \$3 million to Suffolk County with a 50% match or \$3 million to Stony Brook for wastewater treatment study
- **Re-Appropriations**
 - \$29.9 million for LaValle Stadium and indoor practice facility/exam center
 - \$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

III. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Stony Brook donors continue to provide generous support during Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Since July 2014, University Advancement has secured more than \$34.2 million in new gifts and pledges to help support Stony Brook's deserving students, faculty and research efforts. Recent notable gifts include:

- \$1 million bequest from **Howard Klein** '69 to the EOP/AIM program.
- \$300,000 from **Hong Zhang** '91 and **Liya Liang** '94 to establish a science fellowship in the College of Engineering.
- \$299,000 from **PSE&G** to increase undergraduate student active engagement in scientific research.

IV. STARS OF STONY BROOK GALA 2015

This year's Stars of Stony Brook Gala will be held on **Wednesday, April 22 at Pier Sixty in New York City**. In addition to raising important funds for student scholarships and in keeping with our tradition of highlighting the varied and exemplary programs that make Stony Brook University unique, this year's Gala will focus on the **Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities** and will honor **Ms. Jane Fonda**. As a member of the Center's Board of Directors, Ms. Fonda's worldwide stature brings noteworthy attention to **Dr. Michael Kimmel's** groundbreaking and timely work, which encourages critical dialogue about some of the most important issues of our day dealing with men's changing role in our society. For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact Ms. Nicole Tennant at 632-4197 or Nicole.Tennant@stonybrook.edu.

V. RECENT APPOINTMENTS

Judith B. Greiman Named Chief Deputy to the President

Judith B. Greiman, President of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC), has been appointed as my Chief Deputy, effective July 1, 2015. As Chief Deputy, Judith will act as my designee in circumstances when I cannot be present. She will manage high-level relationships with internal and external constituencies, provide day-to-day assistance and guidance, serve as chair of key committees, and respond to various matters. Judith will supervise several units and initiatives, including: Conferences and Special Events, the Ombuds Office, Healthier U, and the Long Island Regional Advisory Council on Higher Education (LIRACHE). She will also work with the Committee on Academic Planning and Resource Allocation (CAPRA). Since 1998, Judith has been president of the CCIC, which represents 16 accredited non-profit independent colleges and universities in Connecticut. In this role, she has been responsible for research, public policy development, government and public relations, and purchasing coordination work on behalf of member colleges and universities. She has also been responsible for strengthening financial aid programs for students. Judith received her BA in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her Juris Doctor from DePaul University-College of Law.

Gates Foundation's Peter M. Small, MD, Appointed Founding Director of the Stony Brook University Global Health Institute

Peter M. Small, MD, Deputy Director of the Tuberculosis Delivery Program for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, has been appointed as Founding Director of the Stony Brook University Global Health Institute (GHI), effective August 1, 2015. Established in 2013 with a \$10 million philanthropic commitment to endow the Institute based on Stony Brook's main campus, the GHI was conceived as a university-wide interdisciplinary research center to drive cutting-edge, health-improvement-oriented research in Madagascar.

For most of his 12-year tenure at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Dr. Small was responsible for the design and execution of the Foundation's tuberculosis program, managing collaborations with global donors and implementers, building a large program to develop improved vaccines, drugs and diagnostics, and establishing the Foundation's country programs in China, India and South Africa. A fellow in the American Academy of Microbiology, Dr. Small is a global expert in several aspects of TB epidemiology, biology and control. He has published more than 150 articles and chapters including landmark studies in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Lancet*, *Science* and *Nature*, that helped to shape the public health response to the resurgence of tuberculosis in the 1990s. He has also served as a member of the Institute of Medicine's committee addressing the elimination of tuberculosis in the United States, the Board of Directors of several public private partnerships, and as a member of the WHO Stop TB Coordinating Board.

VI. UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES

Stony Brook Cited in 2016 Edition of U.S. News & World Report's Best Graduate Schools

According to the 2016 edition of *US News & World Report's* "Best Graduate Schools" publication, several Stony Brook University schools and programs that are focused on graduate education received high rankings. The rankings reflect data from surveys of more than 1,500 schools and more than 12,000 graduate programs. The following were cited in the report:

- **School of Nursing:** Ranked 90th – an improvement of 76 spots since 2011
- **School of Nursing's Online Graduate Nursing Program:** Improved from 16th in 2014 to 13th in 2015
- **School of Medicine:** Ranked 57th overall for "Best Medical Schools: Research"
- **Physician Assistant Program:** Ranked 15th
- **School of Engineering:** Overall rank jumped from 69th to 66th
- **Online Graduate Business Programs:** Overall rank went from 99th to 45th

VII. FACULTY ACCOLADES

Patrick Hearing Elected Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology

Patrick Hearing, PhD, Professor of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, has been elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology. The Academy is the prestigious leadership group of the American Society of Microbiology (ASM), the world's oldest and largest life science organization. According to the ASM, Academy Fellows are eminent leaders in the field of microbiology and are relied upon for authoritative advice and information on critical issues in microbiology. A professor at Stony Brook for 30 years, Dr. Hearing is an educator and world-renowned molecular virologist, whose laboratory research centers on the DNA tumor virus Adenovirus, its implications in cancer, and the development of gene therapies for the treatment of disease. Dr. Hearing publishes widely in the fields of microbiology and virology. His laboratory research includes collaborative work with Stony Brook Medicine faculty. He also mentors graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and research scientists involved in gene research.

Michael Ferdman Receives NSF Faculty Early Career Development Award

Michael Ferdman, PhD, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science at Stony Brook University, has received the prestigious Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) program award from the National Science Foundation (NSF). Ferdman will receive NSF CAREER funding of \$500,000 over the next five years to support his project titled "Leveraging Temporal Streams for Micro-Architectural Innovation in Data Center Servers." According to the NSF, the CAREER Award is given to promising young university faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholar through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of both education and research. Ferdman's project combines his extensive work on prefetching for server applications with his award-winning work on benchmarking cloud workloads.

Devinder Mahajan Selected for China's High-End Foreign Experts Program

Devinder Mahajan, PhD, Materials Science Professor, was selected by China to participate in its High-End Foreign Experts program. During his time in China, Professor Mahajan will be based at Tongji University in Shanghai, where he will engage students and faculty in research, and develop and teach a short course in the control and utilization of fugitive gases—the escaping methane (and CO₂) gases from natural systems, landfills, and oil and gas operations that are a source of direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions. Professor Mahajan, who has been on the faculty at Stony Brook since 2002, recently served the U.S. Department of State as a Jefferson Science Fellow, working as a science advisor on energy foreign policy issues involving biofuels and natural gas. He holds a joint appointment in Stony Brook University's Department of Materials Science and Engineering and Brookhaven National Laboratory's Department of Sustainable Energy Technologies; his lab is based at the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center, a New York State designated Center of Excellence at Stony Brook University, where he is also Co-Director of the Chemical and Molecular Engineering program.

VIII. TITLE IX/CLERY ONLINE TRAINING COURSE FOR EMPLOYEES

The University launched its first-ever online training on Title IX for students in the Fall 2014 semester. This course provided information on identifying/preventing discrimination and sexual violence, discussed what Title IX and the Clery Act are – and why they're important – as well as University rules and procedures. To date, approximately 17,322 students have completed this training. On April 3, a similar course for employees was launched and is available at the following link: <https://slate.workplaceanswers.com/stonybrook>.

IX. INVESTITURE CEREMONY FOR CARL SAFINA ENDOWED RESEARCH CHAIR FOR NATURE AND HUMANITY

Carl Safina, PhD, a research professor in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS), and visiting professor and co-chair of the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science, was installed as the inaugural Carl Safina Endowed Research Chair for Nature and Humanity in the SoMAS on March 6. Dr. Safina is an international leader in ocean conservation and is the first endowed chair in the SoMAS. He established the Blue Ocean Institute in 2003 – which has been renamed The Safina Center at Stony Brook University – and studies how the ocean is changing and what these changes mean for wildlife and people.

X. RECENT EVENTS

Annual Awards Ceremony Highlights Stellar Service

On March 18, the annual Service Awards Ceremony took place to honor employees marking 25 years or more of service to the University. The banquet and award ceremony celebrated individuals reaching the 25-, 30-, 35-, 40-, 45-, and 50-year milestones and included a recognition ceremony. A total of 369 people achieved recognized levels of service in 2014: 188 celebrated 25 years, 96 reached 30 years, 64 reached 35 years, 14 reached 40 years, five reached 45 years, and two – Distinguished Professor **Marvin Goldfried**, Psychology, and Distinguished Teaching and Distinguished Service Professor **Norman Goodman**, Sociology – reached 50 years of service.

Staller Center for the Arts Gala 2015

On March 7, the Staller Center for the Arts hosted its Gala 2015. Emmy and Grammy Award-nominated entertainer, **Michael Feinstein**, and acclaimed actress and one of the great female vocalists of our time, **Linda Eder**, entertained before a sold out crowd.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS

SAC Auditorium to be Named after Dr. Sidney Gelber

On **Thursday, April 9 at 11:00 a.m.**, the SAC Auditorium will be named the “Sidney Gelber Auditorium” in honor of the late **Dr. Sidney Gelber**, who passed away in November 2014. Dr. Gelber was Stony Brook’s first Provost, first Dean of Arts and Sciences and second Academic Vice President. Dr. Gelber left an indelible impact on the University and had many professional accomplishments. He led the process for Stony Brook’s initial accreditation by Middle States, authored *Politics and Public Higher Education in New York State* – the definitive book on the establishment and development of Stony Brook University – and served as an intellectual and administrative model and tutor for many faculty.

Reunion Weekend 2015

The Stony Brook Alumni Association will host Reunion Weekend on-campus from June 5 to June 7. On this weekend, the Class of 1965 will celebrate its 50th anniversary and will be inducted into the Brook Heritage Society. The Class of 1990 will celebrate its 25th anniversary as well.

XII. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Winter Sports

- **Men’s Basketball**: After a heartbreaking 51-50 loss to Albany in the America East Championship game, the team accepted a bid to the College Basketball Invitational (CBI). The team faced Mercer and fell short 72-70. The team finished the year with an overall record of 23-12 and 12-4 conference record. Following an excellent junior year and second consecutive America East Player of the Year honors, **Jameel Warney** (Plainfield, NJ) was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-District Team and was named a finalist for the Lou Henson Award (which is given to the top mid-major player in Division I).
- **Women’s Basketball**: The women’s basketball team and first year Head Coach Caroline McCombs ended their season with an overall record of 17-14 and were 10-6 in conference play. After a 49-47 loss to UMBC in the America East Quarterfinal game, the team ended its season with a 53-46 loss to Siena in the Women’s Basketball Invitational. Six Seawolves earned America East Honors for their outstanding play this season.

Spring Sports

- **Women's Lacrosse**: The team is off to the best start in program history. Currently ranked 9th in the country, the team is undefeated with an overall record of 10-0 and is 2-0 in conference play (as of April 3). Behind a great team effort, the Seawolves recently knocked off the #6 Florida Gators in Gainesville for the program's first top 10 win. Freshman **Kylie Ohmiller** (West Islip, NY) is tied for second nationally for freshmen points per game (4.0) and is 11th overall for assists per game (2.0).
- **Men's Lacrosse**: The team currently has an overall record of 8-2 and is 2-1 in conference play (as of April 3). The team will take on #13 Princeton and #6 Duke in nonconference play and is eager to enter the heart of their conference season. Senior **Mike Rooney** (East Islip, NY) is having an excellent year and recently became only the 4th player in program history to record more than 200 career points.
- **Baseball**: With an overall record of 10-11 and conference record of 4-2 (as of March 31), the weather this season has been quite the challenge. Nonetheless, junior pitcher **Tyler Honahan** (Parker, CO) is having a great season on the mound. He has been named Pitcher of the Week twice this season. Junior outfielder **Jack Parenty** (Wantagh, NY) recently earned Co-Player of the Week honors.
- **Softball**: The team has seen many of its games canceled or postponed due to weather. With a current overall record of 10-10, the team has yet to play a conference game (as of April 3). Junior pitcher **Jane Sallen** (Lake Worth, FL) has been a strong force. She recently earned Pitcher of the Week honors after recording wins against Central Connecticut State.
- **Women's Tennis**: With an overall record of 8-1 and 2-0 record in conference play (as of April 3), the team is off to a great start. Following a win over #43 Brown, the Seawolves entered the national rankings at #53 – its first-ever national ranking.