



MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate

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

DATE: May 4, 2015

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. STONY BROOK RECEIVES NIH AWARD TO DEVELOP A BIOSCIENCE HUB

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded Stony Brook University's Center for Biotechnology a three-year \$3 million grant through the SUNY Research Foundation to establish the Long Island Bioscience Hub (LIBH). The grant is part of the NIH's Research Evaluation and Commercialization Hub (REACH) program and one of only three awarded nationwide. It is a collaboration between Stony Brook University, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and Brookhaven National Laboratory and is designed to help accelerate the translation of biomedical discoveries into new drugs, devices, and diagnostics to improve patient care and enhance health.

Stony Brook's Center for Biotechnology will lead the efforts of the LIBH, coordinating its comprehensive technology commercialization efforts across the three partner institutions. Such activities include technology development programs, establishing of strategic partnerships, recruiting experienced entrepreneurs to provide experienced company management, and providing services such as education and mentoring that will help faculty innovators move their academic innovations into the commercial sector via a start-up company, licensing opportunity, and/or a strategic partnership. The REACH program is based on the NIH Center for Advanced Innovations (NCAI) initiative created by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). The three hubs established under the REACH program will work collaboratively with the NCAIs to develop best practices and share resources where appropriate.

II. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Stony Brook Foundation raised \$2.3 million to support student financial aid at the 16th annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala on April 22 at Chelsea Piers in Manhattan. The Foundation honored legendary actress and activist **Jane Fonda** for her support as a member of the Board of Directors of Stony Brook University's Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities (CSMM). The event also marked the 50th anniversary of the Stony Brook Foundation.

Other recent notable gifts include:

\$125,000 from Stony Brook alum and CBS Corp. executive Anthony Bongiorno '81 to establish an endowed scholarship for women in science.

\$100,000 from Miki and David Donoho for *Staller Center for the Arts*

\$25,000 from Margaret M. McGovern, M.D., Ph.D., Physician-in-Chief at Stony Brook Children's Hospital and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, to Children's Hospital, with \$100,000 total impact after matching gifts from Ernst & Young and anonymous Children's Hospital donor.

\$200,000 for Children's Hospital and \$100,000 for Madagascar Ankizy Fund, a humanitarian organization working to help impoverished children in the northwest of Madagascar, founded by Stony Brook Paleontologist David Krause, from W. S. Radgowski Trust.

The Stony Brook Alumni Association's **2015 Scholarship Golf Classic** will be held at the **Indian Hills Country Club** in Northport on June 22. Last year's golf was the most successful golf outing to date, raising more than \$57,000 in scholarship funds for Stony Brook students.

III. SEARCH UPDATE - Senior Vice President for Administration

The search to identify a replacement for the Senior Vice President for Administration is underway. The Search Committee, chaired by Dexter Bailey, has provided valuable input to the position profile and the Search Firm, Brill Neumann, with whom we are working, has finalized the position profile and posted the opportunity on their web site, in the Chronicle of Higher Education, Diverse Issues in Higher Education, and through NACUBO, and EACUBO.

Known for their work in recruiting senior administrative positions, Brill Neumann is actively recruiting and has conducted outreach to more than 120 individuals who can be sources of referrals or, in some instances, candidates themselves. In addition, Brill Neumann has started discussions with potential candidates to learn more about their backgrounds and fit for the role. They anticipate providing initial candidate pool information by the end of May.

IV. UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES

Stony Brook Named #4 Environmentally Responsible University in Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges

The Princeton Review's Guide to 353 Green Colleges: 2015 Edition announced that the University ranked the #4 most environmentally responsible "green" college. The Guide to Green Colleges is the only free, comprehensive resource identifying colleges with exemplary commitments to sustainability based on their academic offerings and career preparation for students, campus policies, initiatives and activities. Schools were also ranked based on their 2014 Green Rating score (of 60 to 99), which Stony Brook ranked 99 – the highest score possible.

V. FACULTY ACCOLADES

Akoglu Receives NSF CAREER Award

Leman Akoglu, 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). Akoglu will receive NSF CAREER funding of \$507,000 over the next five years to support her project titled “A General Framework for Methodical and Interpretable Anomaly Mining.” Dr. Akoglu’s work focuses on anomaly mining, in particular the detection of anomalies in large-scale, heterogeneous and dynamic data environments. Her project impacts security and surveillance in industry, government and society to prevent outsider intrusions, fraud and other threats. 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.

Stony Brook Chemistry Professor Wins Inorganic Nanoscience Award

Stanislaus S. Wong, PhD, a Professor in the Department of Chemistry, is the 2015 recipient of the American Chemical Society (ACS) Inorganic Nanoscience Award. Sponsored by the University of South Carolina NanoCenter, the annual award recognizes “sustained excellence, dedication, and preservation in research in the area of inorganic nanoscience.” Dr. Wong’s research focuses on carbon nanotube chemistry and inorganic nanostructure synthesis, two areas that will potentially broaden the impact and practical applications of nanostructures. As a joint appointee with Brookhaven National Laboratory, Dr. Wong collaborates widely with scientists at both institutions in multiple disciplines, including but not limited to: physics, biology, engineering, and biomedicine, to advance nanoscience research in primarily energy-related fields such as solar cells, fuel cells and batteries.

VI. COMMENCEMENT & HONORS PROGRAMS SET FOR THIS MONTH

Stony Brook University will celebrate its 55th Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium. The Doctoral Graduation and Hooding Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 21 at 1:00 p.m. in the Island Federal Credit Union Arena. A Baccalaureate Honors Convocation will also take place on May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Island Federal Credit Union Arena.

Having received approval from the SUNY Board of Trustees, Stony Brook will bestow honorary degrees upon **Billy Joel** (Doctor of Music), **Ben Shneiderman** (Doctor of Science), and **Charles B. Wang** (Doctor of Humane Letters). All three will don academic regalia along with nearly 6,000 students as they join in the University’s ceremony in LaValle Stadium. Mr. Joel and Mr. Wang will speak at the May 22 Commencement Ceremony and Prof. Shneiderman will speak at the prestigious Doctoral Hooding Ceremony on May 21.

VII. RECENT EVENTS

Earthstock 2015

Stony Brook Earthstock, the week-long campus celebration of Earth Day, took place from April 20-24. The week featured a number of environmental programs, including the Earthstock Festival and a Keynote Lecture “Caught in the Same Net: The Ocean and Us,” delivered by Stony Brook’s **Dr. Carl Safina**.

SAC Auditorium Named After Dr. Sidney Gelber

On April 9, the SAC Auditorium was 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.

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

IX. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Spring Sports

Women's Tennis

Head Coach Gary Glassman and the women's tennis team won their fourth straight America East conference title and earned a berth in the NCAA Championships. Behind the stellar play of senior Polina Movchan (Kiev, Ukraine) who earned Player of the Year honors for the second consecutive year, the team finished with a 16-1 overall record and will take on 14th seed Stanford in the first round of the NCAA tournament next weekend in California. The winner of that match will face the winner of Pepperdine v Auburn.

Women's Lacrosse

Behind a record setting season with an overall regular season record of 16-1, Coach Joe Spallina and the women's lacrosse team are currently ranked 6th in the nation and have earned wins over four top 20 teams throughout the season (Notre Dame, Northwestern, Albany and Florida). The team will host the America East Conference Championships May 1 and 3 as they battle for their third consecutive trip to the NCAA Championship tournament. Freshman sensation Kylie Ohlmiller (West Islip, NY) was named an honorable mention mid season all-American and is one of the 25 finalists for the Teewarton Award given to the best lacrosse player in the nation.

Men's Lacrosse

Heading into the America East Conference tournament, the men's lacrosse team is currently ranked 17th in the country with an overall record 12-4. Senior Mike Rooney (East Islip, NY) ended the regular season as the Division I leader in points with 98 (42 goals and 56 assists).

Softball

With an overall record of 25-14, the Stony Brook softball team is currently in first place in the conference with two weeks left in the season with a 4 game lead over the second place team. Senior Bria Green (Wheatley heights, NY) broke the single season home run record with her 18th of the year and is just 2 rbi shy of the single season rbi record of 50 that was set in 2011.

Baseball

While Head Coach Matt Senk earned his incredible 700th career coaching win, he has the team positioned in first place in the conference with a 4 game lead over the second place team with three weeks remaining in the schedule. The Seawolves are currently 23-12 overall. In addition to stellar pitching and offensive output, the Seawolves defense ranks 15th in the nation in fielding percentage.