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MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate
FROM: Andrea Goldsmith, President
Date: April 6, 2026
SUBJECT: President's Report

Executive Summary

University News

- **Goldsmith Inauguration:** Events will be held from April 11 to 19 to celebrate the inauguration of Dr. Goldsmith as the seventh president of Stony Brook University. A complete schedule of events is posted online: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/inauguration/>
- **Southampton Advisory Committee:** On March 13, President Goldsmith met with the Southampton Advisory Committee on the Southampton campus. The Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from the university, local and state government, non-profit organizations, business, and the community on the East End. The discussion focused on ways to ignite Stony Brook's Southampton campus in multiple dimensions.
- **University Messages:** President Goldsmith marked the second half of the spring semester with two messages to the Stony Brook community. One focused on the importance of fostering an environment of intellectual engagement that reflects civility and respect. The second message noted that Stony Brook's efforts to work toward compliance with updated mandates for Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act reflect the university's commitment to broad and meaningful access for all.

State and Local Government Relations Update

- **State Budget Update:** The State Budget was due April 1 and is once again going to be late. The current best estimate is that it will be concluded sometime in early April. Factors

contributing to the delay include changes to the state's climate laws, public procurement law changes, and corporate taxes.

- **State Budget Advocacy:** On March 17, President Goldsmith joined Chancellor King and other University Center presidents for a day of advocacy in Albany. The group met with leaders from the Governor's Office, including Secretary Karen Keogh, and with Speaker Heastie, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, and the Senate and Assembly Higher Education Committees. Advocacy efforts focused on driving new investments for capital upgrades across the University Centers, supporting the SUNY Hospitals, and increasing operating aid.
- **Research Expo:** Also in Albany on March 17 was the second annual SUNY Research Expo at the Capitol. President Goldsmith met several faculty members representing Stony Brook at the expo, including Drs. Fang Luo, Michael Mak, and Howard Sirotkin. Thanks also to the Alan Alda Center for tabling at the event and showing a strong Stony Brook presence in Albany.

Federal Government Relations Update

- **Advocacy in Washington, D.C.:** With the federal appropriations cycle actively underway, the Office of Federal Relations is leading a coordinated advocacy strategy to elevate Stony Brook's FY27 priorities. This includes organizing targeted Capitol Hill engagements and facilitating timely advocacy visits for university leadership, faculty members, staff, and students. President Goldsmith will travel to Washington at the end of April to meet with members of the New York congressional delegation, reinforcing Stony Brook's priorities and strengthening key federal partnerships at a critical moment in the funding cycle.
- **"Conversation with the President" – Washington, D.C.:** On April 28, President Goldsmith will convene a special gathering of D.C.-based alumni, partners, and stakeholders. This engagement provides a valuable opportunity to deepen relationships, share the university's vision and strategic direction, and elevate the voices and experiences of the Stony Brook community.
- **Stony Brook Medicine Federal Engagement:** At the end of March, Executive Vice President of Stony Brook Medicine, Dr. William Wertheim, led a series of high-level meetings with members of the New York congressional delegation and staff in Washington, D.C. to advance the academic medical center's FY27 federal priorities. Key focus areas included Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests to support critical infrastructure and programmatic needs, policy reforms to J-1 and H-1B visa pathways to help address persistent health care workforce shortages, and advocacy for sustained, robust federal investment in research.

Advancement

- Since the start of this fiscal year on July 1, 2025, we have secured **\$126.7 million** in gifts and pledges for all purposes – an **80.3% increase** over the \$70.3 million raised at the same point last fiscal year.
- Last week, a record **4,003 unique donors** made a gift to Stony Brook as part of Giving Day. More than 600 faculty and staff, 290 parents/families and 123 Stony Brook students supported the effort.

- This momentum is also reflected in the number of major gifts the University has received. To date, we have received **171 major gifts of \$100,000 or more**, compared to 111 at this time one year ago, and already an all-time record in major gifts received in a year by the University. This support includes:
 - 42 gifts of \$500,000 to \$999,999 (26 a year ago)
 - 24 gifts of \$1 million or more (17 a year ago)

- The New York State and Simons Infinity Investment endowment matching challenges officially closed Wednesday, April 1. Since the programs were announced in June 2023, we have secured a total of **\$675 million** in outright gifts and pledges toward Stony Brook University's endowment. Those gifts are projected to earn between \$200M-\$300M in matching dollars for the endowment from New York State.

- Notable gifts closed since the last update include:
 - \$5,000,000 for Stony Brook Men's and Women's Basketball
 - \$5,000,000 to establish and endow a Concussion Center at Stony Brook Children's Hospital
 - \$4,000,000 for the Yardi Scholars Program Scholarship
 - \$3,360,000 for Yardi Scholars Cohort Programming in the College of Business
 - \$2,000,000 to endow a Physician in Chief at Stony Brook Children's Hospital
 - \$1,500,000 for the Dialysis Clinic, Inc.
 - \$1,250,000 for endowed graduate fellowships in Biochemistry
 - \$1,400,000 to endow a chair in Experimental Pathology
 - \$1,000,000 to advance efforts to disarm antibiotic resistance
 - \$1,000,000 for the Finish Line initiative Endowed Scholarship
 - \$750,000 to create a professorship in Electrical and Computer Engineering
 - \$750,000 to endow a professorship in Nephrology
 - \$500,000 to benefit the Humanities Institute
 - \$400,000 for pediatrics research and adolescent OBGYN
 - \$250,000 to fund a lecture series in South Asian Studies
 - \$250,000 for the Turkana Basin Institute
 - \$200,000 for EOP/AIM scholarships
 - \$200,000 for the Long Island State Veterans Home endowment
 - \$200,000 to support STEM scholarships

Athletics

- Women's Lacrosse is ranked No. 10 in the nation after extending its winning streak to six with a 10-8 win over No. 20 Princeton. It was the third top 20 win for the Seawolves who now have a record of 10-2. The team's only losses were No. 4 Northwestern and No. 8 Johns Hopkins.
- Women's Lacrosse student-athletes Isabella Caporuscio (Second Team), Mirabella Altebrando (Honorable Mention) and Hailey Huebner (Honorable Mention) all received Nike Lacrosse Midseason Media All-American distinction.
- Men's Lacrosse has won five of their last six contests, including a 16-10 win over Fairfield on

March 28. Senior goalie Tommy Wilk was named CAA Defensive Player of the Week while sophomore midfielder Kian McCoy earned CAA Offensive Player of the Week honors.

- Softball completed a weekend sweep of Towson on March 29, using a six-run fifth inning to earn an 8-3 victory in the series finale. The series sweep of the Tigers featured head coach Megan Bryant's 700th career victory as the Seawolves' skipper.
- Tennis received clutch singles performances by several Seawolves, including CAA Player of the Week Elena Lobo-Corral, to lead the team to its second straight win as it took down Towson 4-3 on March 29.

Equity & Inclusion

Update: Chavez Hall Renaming Committee

President Goldsmith initiated [the Stony Brook Renaming Buildings, Structures and Spaces process](#) to consider renaming Chavez Hall. We are moving quickly to convene a renaming committee to prepare a formal recommendation to the president regarding whether the hall should be renamed or maintain its current name.

The [Committee on Chavez Hall](#) will include representatives from Faculty Senate, GSO, USG, ERM, the Libraries, and five nominated individuals to represent perspectives from faculty, staff, and students across our campuses.

We solicited nominations for the five open seats. If someone wished to nominate themselves or a colleague, they would have [filled out this nomination form](#) by April 1 (which, by the April 5th Senate meeting would be closed).

The committee will meet 2-3 times during April to complete its review, and President Goldsmith will present her final decision to the Stony Brook Council in May. If the decision is to rename the building, the process for soliciting new names will begin in the Fall semester.

Everyone can find all updates on this process on [the Committee on Chavez Hall webpage](#). If you have any additional questions, please contact the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives at ocdo@stonybrook.edu.

Innovation

Long Island Manufacturing Extension Partnership (LIMEP) Designation

(Foundational Pillar: Catalyze)

Empire State Development designated SBU to continue leading the Long Island Manufacturing Extension Partnership (LIMEP) Program with a 10-year renewal grant. Led by Amy Erickson, this program supports small and medium sized manufacturers through technology adoption, workforce development, and operational improvements. The designation reinforces SBU's role as a regional partner for manufacturing innovation and economic development.

Biomedical Device PoC Program

(Foundational Pillar: Build)

Intellectual Property Partners (IPP) completed a one-year interdisciplinary pilot program to advance promising ideas in device ideation and proof of concept (PoC). Fourteen projects entered the program, ten of which advanced to include technology assessment (including IP), customer discovery, prototype design, and testing and validation. Two projects progressed through all four stages, and one is currently in the clinical testing phase. In parallel, these projects have been the focus of marketing efforts to identify potential partners for startup creation or licensing.

LIA AI Growth Academy

(Foundational Pillar: Catalyze)

The Long Island Association (LIA), through the LIA Foundation and with support from Google.org, launched the LIA AI Growth Academy in partnership with SBU. The program will provide AI training to 50 small businesses across Long Island to help them adopt AI tools that improve operations, customer engagement, and financial management. Faculty and experts from the CEWIT, AI3, and the Long Island Small Business Development Center at SBU will deliver the training. Participating businesses will receive a grant to implement AI solutions and strengthen their competitiveness, supporting regional innovation and economic growth.

Marketing and Communications

- Office of the President – Presidential Inauguration: Continuing comprehensive marketing and communications support for the President’s Inauguration Week. Advanced final production of Investiture materials, including printing of the Investiture program, last-minute signage updates, stage seal artwork, and presentation templates. Coordinating social media strategy meetings, promotional video research, and weekly analytics reporting for presidential channels. Drafting press releases and media advisories while finalizing livestream and closed captioning logistics to ensure accessible programming. These efforts are supporting a coordinated, high-impact Inauguration Week experience for campus and external audiences.
- Title II / ADA Compliance Mandate: Continuing to support the implementation of the Title II / ADA digital accessibility mandate across communications and event planning. Providing ADA-aligned recommendations for campus initiatives such as branded campus engagement programs and promotional mapping projects. Supporting the rollout of accessible website templates through demo sessions, open office hours, and ongoing technical assistance to campus partners transitioning to compliant layouts.
- Purposeful Storytelling & Amplification Across PESO (Paid, Earned, Shared & Owned) Media: Continuing coordinated storytelling and amplification across paid, earned, shared, and owned channels to elevate Stony Brook’s institutional reputation with an emphasis on research impact, student success and faculty excellence. Highlights include promoting global recognition of the Physics & Astronomy program ranked among the world’s top 100, amplifying SUNY Research Expo participation, and supporting NASA-related research announcements. Expanded cross-campus collaboration through the “Let’s Talk Newsletters” cohort and publication of the “Be Connected Update.” Supported campus engagement and brand visibility through Roth Regatta brand planning, Campus Beautification initiatives, and coordinated social media amplification tied to campus traditions. These efforts continue to strengthen visibility and reinforce Stony Brook’s

position as a leading public research institution.

- Enrollment / Admissions: Continuing support for university enrollment priorities through coordinated marketing and communications initiatives. Advancing Spring enrollment objectives via a targeted digital media campaign. Supporting Southampton enrollment priorities through a PESO-aligned communications strategy promoting summer programs, including the Writers Conference, Emerging Writers Workshop, and oceanography summer courses. Additional initiatives include creative mailings featuring custom Wolfie Pop-Up promotional materials, targeted Google and Meta advertising, and expanded influencer-focused engagement to increase awareness among peers in advance of rankings voting.
- Issues Management and (On-Call) Crisis Communications: Continue to provide ongoing counsel and communications services as needed while maintaining coordination with SUNY Comms Office as needed. Attended 4-day annual AAU Public Affairs Conference in Washington DC that focused on intersection of issues management and brand reputation.

Research

Genesis Mission

(Foundational Pillars: Build, Catalyze)

- Stony Brook coordinated a campus wide response to the Department of Energy Genesis Mission Request for Information (RFI). The Genesis Mission seeks to accelerate scientific discovery through artificial intelligence and advanced computing by strengthening collaboration among universities, national laboratories, and philanthropy. The response highlighted SBU's interdisciplinary strengths and opportunities to contribute to national priority areas in energy, materials, and AI enabled science.
- Following the release of the Genesis Mission solicitation, which limits institutions to one lead proposal per focus area (99 focus areas), the Office for Research and Innovation launched an internal limited competition to coordinate institutional submissions. Pre-applications were collected to identify strong interdisciplinary teams and ensure well-coordinated proposals aligned with the program's national science and technology challenges.

OR&I Seed Grant Program

(Foundational Pillar: Build)

The Office for Research and Innovation launched a new cycle of the Seed Grant Program designed to stimulate interdisciplinary collaborations and support early-stage research ideas with strong potential for external funding. The program provides support to help teams develop preliminary results, build partnerships, and position proposals for major federal opportunities. The information on the current call can be found [here](#).

SUNY Research Leadership Academy

(Foundational Pillar: Build)

SBU continues to participate in the SUNY Research Leadership Academy, a system-wide initiative that prepares faculty and administrators for research leadership roles across SUNY. The inaugural cohort of 33 faculty members across the SUNY system completed its final session on March 30. The program focuses on leadership development, research policy, communication, and partnerships

with industry and philanthropy. Ten faculty members from Stony Brook University are a part of this initial cohort. See more information [here](#).

SUNY Research Expo

(Foundational Pillar: Build)

On March 18, 2026, SUNY brought together faculty across the SUNY Campuses in Albany's Legislative Building to interact with NYS Legislators to celebrate research excellence across the SUNY campuses. Three Stony Brook faculty participated along with President Goldsmith and our Office for Government Relations. The SUNY Research Expo showcases SUNY's commitment to achieving Governor Hochul's goal of doubling research and innovation throughout the SUNY system. See press release [here](#).

SUNY AI Symposium at SBU as part of the Inauguration Events

(Foundational Pillar: Build)

A reminder that the SUNY AI Symposium, *Scaling the NY AI Innovation Ecosystem*, will take place at SBU on April 14 and 15, 2026 as part of the inauguration events. Organized by the Office for Research and Innovation with the AI Innovation Institute and SUNY System Administration, the symposium will bring together researchers, students, and partners across SUNY to explore advances in artificial intelligence, foster collaboration, and highlight emerging talent through panels, talks, and a system wide poster showcase. For more information, click [here](#).

Student Affairs

- Many educational and cultural events were hosted throughout March to commemorate Women's History Month, including panel discussions featuring women in various industries, movie screenings, among others.
- Student Life hosted a meet-and-greet with Chanel Lopez, Deputy Director of LGBTQ+ Affairs for the NYS Executive Chamber under Governor Kathy Hochul.
- The Career Center hosted Not All Heroes Wear Capes, an annual event that connects current students with female leaders in the workplace.
- The Center for Civic Justice hosted Her Impact: Women Driving Change on March 25, a panel and roundtable discussion featuring a panel discussion with four accomplished members of our community who spoke about meaningful ways that they can get involved to create impactful change in their local and global communities.
- The All IN Campus Democracy Challenge awarded the Center for Civic Justice's 2026-28 strategic plan its highest distinction – "highly established" – along with a perfect score of 36 out of 36 points, recognizing its nonpartisan democratic engagement action plan.
- Student Affairs is hosting the second annual "And Still I Rise: Empowering Women of Color in Higher Education" High Tea Conference on April 9, an event that serves as a foundational step in fostering community among mid to senior-level women of color and allies in Higher Education across Long Island and the Metro New York area.
- Continuing the musical tradition at SBU, the Undergraduate Student Government hosted a very successful annual concert, Brookfest, on March 27, which featured student performers as well as well-known artists such as Flo-rida.
- The Stony Brook Press, a student media outlet, earned the first-place award for Best Magazine at the College Media Association Conference.

- Events to highlight:
 - An Evening with Ben Crump, Civil Rights Attorney - Tuesday, April 7, 5:30pm
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/event/12349766>
 - Community Dialogue: Policy in STEM: Bridging Science and Civic Engagement - Thursday, April 16 - 6:30pm
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/event/12234016>
 - Shirley Strum Kenny Street Fair - Wednesday, April 15 - 12pm
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/event/12263216>
 - Water Fest - Wednesday, April 22 - 12:30pm
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/event/12308858>
 - Earthstock Street Fair - Friday, April 24 - 11am
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/event/12263262>
 - Roth Regatta - Friday, May 1 - 11am
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/event/11815690>