



MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate

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

DATE: February 2, 2015

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. SUNY BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUPPORTS STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL & SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

Stony Brook University Hospital and Southampton Hospital can move forward with a proposed affiliation agreement following a unanimous vote that took place at the State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees meeting in Albany on January 13. The affiliation will enable the two hospitals to work more closely to improve healthcare quality and access, coordination and efficiency for patient care. Stony Brook University Hospital and Southampton Hospital have a long history of a strong, cooperative working relationship, and this important step is truly a win-win for both institutions.

The affiliation will combine a financially sound community hospital with a high-quality tertiary academic medical center to improve healthcare delivery and education in the rapidly changing landscape of healthcare reform. The affiliation will also expand and enrich clinical training sites to support growing class sizes of Stony Brook's undergraduate and graduate medicine training programs, nursing, and health technology programs.

Under the terms of this affiliation, Southampton Hospital will provide care under Stony Brook University Hospital's New York State operating license. Southampton Hospital Association will continue to employ the workforce of Southampton Hospital, who will remain in their current labor agreement. This agreement has undergone rigorous operational, financial, legal and environmental due diligence from private auditors as well as SUNY and the Division of Budget. The Department of Health has also advised that this plan is consistent with its goal of supporting a regionalized health care system on the East End.

As with any such transaction, this agreement now requires the approval of various New York State regulatory and legislative authorities, including the New York State Attorney General's Office and the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. A Certificate of Need must also be filed and approved by the New York State Department of Health in order to transfer Southampton's licensed beds to Stony Brook University Hospital's license.

II. STONY BROOK RECEIVES \$2 MILLION DOE GRANT TO CREATE NEW SUPER ENERGY-SAVING AIR CONDITIONING VENT

A Stony Brook University research team has been awarded \$2 million from the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E) to develop an active air conditioning vent capable of modulating airflow distribution, velocity, and temperature designed for commercial or residential units. Led by **Dr. Ya Wang**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, the goal of the project is to create a vent that results in up to 30 percent energy savings through directed localization of existing building heating/cooling output. The DOE states that ARPA-E-funded projects have the potential to radically improve U.S. economic prosperity, national security, and environmental well-being. Stony Brook is one of only three institutions in New York State to receive the award. The grant is for a period of 3 years with total funding of \$2,049,260.

III. STATE BUDGET

Last month, New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo unveiled his proposed 2015-16 Executive Budget. Components of the proposed budget with likely impact to Stony Brook include:

- University operating budget funding shift from formula based on enrollment to performance based
 - Includes 10% withholding of state support, or approximately \$15 million for Stony Brook, pending completion of a "Performance Improvement Plan"
 - Includes potential for an additional \$3 million in performance based funding for plans that support specific initiatives, such as establishing a "Master Researcher" program to reward faculty who excel in bringing research funding to the University
- Fails to fund salary increases for 2015-16, which totals \$8.1 million for Stony Brook
- Eliminates the \$7.6 million the Legislature added to the 2014-15 budget for salary increases, which totals \$1.08 million for Stony Brook
- \$872,333 for the Advanced Energy Center and \$872,333 for CEWIT (the same totals enacted in the 2014-15 budget) and \$920,000 for the Center for Advanced Technology (the same total enacted in the 2014-15 budget)
- Support for the Long Island State Veterans Home increased by \$1.7 million from the 2014-2015 enacted budget
- Does not include legislative add-ons from last year, which includes \$333,000 for the Marine Animal Disease Laboratory at Stony Brook and \$1.28 million state-wide for the EOP/AIM program
- No changes to current legislation surrounding the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
- Critical maintenance funding includes \$200 million system-wide and \$41 million for Stony Brook
- \$26 million for SBU/BNL supercomputing project (\$65 million commitment over 3 years)
- Appropriation supports tuition increases under SUNY 2020 and \$55 million system-wide to launch Round V

- State support for the three SUNY hospitals totals \$69 million and does not include \$18.5 million added by the legislature in the 2014-15 enacted budget
- \$400 million in capital funding proposed for hospitals providing care to underserved regions and creates a private equity loan program
- Other significant initiatives include:
 - “Get on Your Feet” loan forgiveness program for individuals that attend a NYS college, live here after they graduate, and earn less than \$50,000, could see 100% forgiveness on their loans for two years
 - Full scholarships for SUNY/CUNY graduate teacher education programs for NYS residents who agree to teach in NYS for 5 years
 - Creates a NYS Teacher Residency program
 - Expands the Master Teacher Program
 - Continues the STEM scholarship program

IV. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Stony Brook donors continue to provide generous support during Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Since July 2014, University Advancement has secured more than \$26.8 million in new gifts and pledges for Stony Brook’s deserving students, faculty and research efforts. We are fortunate that so many friends and alumni continue to invest in Stony Brook University, including our very own faculty and staff. A recent gift includes \$150,000 to Children’s Hospital from Qualco Inc. owner **Peter Ferentinos**, who, with this gift, has now given more than \$250,000 to Stony Brook Medicine.

V. UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES

Stony Brook Named a 2015 Best Value College by Kiplinger’s

Stony Brook University has been named to *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance’s* list of 100 best values in US public and private colleges for 2015. The ranking cites four-year schools that combine outstanding academics with affordable cost. Stony Brook is ranked number 126 in a combined list of public and private institutions nationwide. Among public institutions, SBU ranks 33rd for in-state students and 25th for out-of state students.

Online Nursing and Business Graduate Programs Recognized in U.S. News & World Report’s 2015 Best Online Programs Ranking

The Stony Brook University Online Graduate Nursing and Business (Human Resources) Programs are being recognized in the 2015 Best Online Programs ranking by *U.S. News & World Report*. Stony Brook’s Online Graduate Business (Human Resources) Program increased in the ranking to 45, representing a jump of 54 places from 2014’s ranking. The Online Graduate Nursing Program also saw an increase and was recognized as the 13th overall best program for 2015.

Stony Brook University Wins Big in the 2015 Best of Long Island Competition

Stony Brook University was voted the best college or university on Long Island for the fourth consecutive year in the annual Bethpage Best of Long Island Competition. The University was also recognized as having the best college sports program and best film festival for the renowned Stony Brook Film Festival.

Stony Brook Placed on President's 2014 Community Engagement Honor Roll

Stony Brook University has been recognized by the Corporation for National and Community Service as a member of the 2014 President's Higher Education Honor Roll (PHEHR) for Community Service, Economic Opportunity, and Education. PHEHR is designed to acknowledge colleges and universities that focus on community service and service learning for solving community problems. Stony Brook's volunteerism included efforts from 9,550 students engaging in more than 111,000 hours of community service over the past year.

VI. APPOINTMENTS & DEPARTURES

Dr. David O. Conover Named Vice President for Research

Following a nationwide search, **Dr. David O. Conover**, has been appointed to the position of Vice President for Research. Dr. Conover has done an extraordinary job over the last 13 months as Interim Vice President for Research, and I am thrilled that he has agreed to serve in this role. As Vice President, Dr. Conover serves as the chief research officer/senior academic administrator. He is responsible for the campus-wide advancement of Stony Brook's research mission and oversees the Research Foundation Office at Stony Brook. Dr. Conover is also responsible for encouraging and facilitating excellence in scholarship, research and creative activities. He is charged with accomplishing this by promoting collaborative research, scholarly and creative priorities set forth by the University's strategic plans, encouraging investment in research infrastructure, increasing external funding from major public and private funding sources, advancing translational research for successful technology transfer and economic development, and ensuring compliance with all applicable laws and regulations related to the responsible conduct of research. He reports directly to me and is the primary advocate for the University's research enterprise on the state, national and international levels.

Nicholas Scibetta Named Vice President for Communications

After a comprehensive national search, **Nicholas Scibetta**, has been named Vice President for Communications at Stony Brook University. In this newly created position, Mr. Scibetta will report directly to me and serve as a key member of the University Council leadership team. He will work closely with the other vice presidents and deans, and is directly responsible for the University's overarching communications, brand strategy and visual identity. He is charged with building the team necessary to develop and implement a comprehensive strategic marketing and communications program to advance the image of the University at the local, state, national, and global level. He will set vision and direction for the organization's communications function, overseeing and managing strategic communications, media relations, marketing, publications and social media. He will also coordinate with marketing and communications resources across the University, including Stony Brook Medicine, to build and enhance the University's

comprehensive brand. Mr. Scibetta most recently served as Partner and Global Director of Ketchum Public Relations in NYC, where he created, implemented and grew Ketchum's Global Media Network to over 300 industry-leading professionals in media relations and social media.

Dr. Mary Truhlar Named Dean of the School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Mary Truhlar has been named Dean of the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine after a thorough national search. Dr. Truhlar, a nationally recognized dental medicine educator, served as Interim Dean of the School of Dental Medicine since January 2014. Dr. Truhlar joined the faculty of Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine in 1990 in the Department of General Dentistry. She received her DDS degree from the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine in 1984 and her long-term service to the School has included: establishing a clinical practice at Stony Brook early in her career that continues today; developing educational programs for students and residents, including courses in geriatric dentistry and treating the medically compromised; serving as Director of the Division of Geriatric Dentistry, then in 2005 being named Chair of the Department of General Dentistry – the School's largest department.

Barbara Chernow, Senior Vice President for Administration, to Rejoin Brown University

Ms. Barbara Chernow, Senior Vice President for Administration, will be leaving her position to accept a new opportunity as Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island – her alma mater. I promoted Ms. Chernow to Senior Vice President in 2012, where she has proven herself as a hands-on, competent and highly accomplished administrator. She has deftly overseen all aspects of University Administration including buildings and grounds construction projects and maintenance; University Police, Campus Safety and Emergency Management Programs; financial and human resources services; environmental health and safety; environmental stewardship and sustainability; and parking and transportation services. At my request, Ms. Chernow also effectively served as chair for "Project 50 Forward," an initiative that continues to save the University millions of dollars – more than \$34 million over the past three years – by streamlining procedures, optimizing programs and services, and enabling us to operate as a more efficient campus in times of extreme fiscal challenge. I hope you will join me in wishing her every success as she takes on her new responsibilities at Brown. I am grateful for her assiduous efforts toward making Stony Brook University the outstanding place it is, and helping us to move forward in many important areas.

VII. FACULTY ACCOLADES

Two Physics Scholars Elected American Physical Society Fellows

Two scholars from the Stony Brook University Department of Physics and Astronomy – **Dr. Abhay Deshpande** and **Dr. Rosalba Perna** – have been elected Fellows of the American Physical Society (APS) for their exceptional contributions to the national and international physics enterprise. According to the APS, Dr. Deshpande, a Professor of Physics, was elected as an APS Fellow "for his sustained effort and leadership in experimental programs to understand the nucleons' spin, employing polarized DIS experiments at CERN to high-energy polarized proton collisions at RHIC (with PHENIX detector), including early development of beam polarimetry and other essential tools; and for his leadership in the efforts toward realizing the future US electron ion collider." Dr. Perna, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy, was

elected as an APS Fellow “for her pioneering contributions to our understanding of the long and short gamma-ray bursts, including the development of advanced models to describe their properties and environments, calculations of their particle and radiative emission, and innovative treatment of the time-dependent photoionization in the dusty environment around the bursts.”

Dr. Iwao Ojima Named a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors

Dr. Iwao Ojima, SUNY Distinguished Professor in the Department of Chemistry, and Director of the Institute of Chemical Biology & Drug Discovery (ICB&DD) at Stony Brook University, has been named a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). A faculty member in Chemistry at Stony Brook since 1983, Dr. Ojima has been granted more than 100 patents. The Research Foundation for the State University of New York has filed more than 80 of these patents globally on his behalf. Since 2004, his leadership as Director of the ICB&DD has brought interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research bridging the physical sciences, biological sciences, biomedical engineering and various School of Medicine departments together, along with expertise from Brookhaven National Laboratory, to tackle significant biomedical problems and find solutions, including the discovery of novel therapeutic drugs.

Dr. Benjamin Hsiao Named a Materials Research Society Fellow

Dr. Benjamin Hsiao, Professor in the Department of Chemistry, Affiliated Professor in Materials Science & Engineering, and Co-Founding Director of the Innovative Global Energy Solutions Center at Stony Brook University, has been selected as a Fellow of the Materials Research Society (MRS). According to the MRS, Dr. Hsiao is being selected “for world-renowned accomplishments in materials research with emphasis on synchrotron technology, polymer crystallization and nanofiber applications, as well as contributions to community services and University administration.”

Dr. Laurie Krug Wins First-Ever Stony Brook University Discovery Prize

Dr. Laurie T. Krug, Assistant Professor in the Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology, is the first early career scientist to be named the Stony Brook University Discovery Prize Fellow, a new philanthropically-sponsored award established to fund high-risk, high-reward basic research projects. Krug received the \$200,000 prize for her project that researches herpes viruses that are associated with cancer, and the idea of delivering molecular scissors to the site of virus infection using nanoparticles. She was named the winner following a “Shark Tank”-meets-“TED Talk”-styled competition at the Simons Foundation headquarters in New York City on December 11. Three other finalists – **Drs. Emre Salman, Gabor Balazsi, and Eden Figueroa** – were also awarded \$50,000 each for their proposals.

VIII. **AMBASSADOR CHARLES A. GARGANO CHAIR IN ADVANCE CARDIOVASCULAR IMAGING INVESTITURE CEREMONY**

Michael Poon, MD, FACC, FSCCT, Professor of Radiology, Medicine, and Emergency Medicine at Stony Brook Medicine and a world-renowned cardiologist and imaging specialist, was formally installed as the inaugural Ambassador Charles A. Gargano Chair in Advanced Cardiovascular Imaging during a Stony Brook University investiture ceremony on December 3. Building upon Stony Brook Medicine's platform of expertise in advanced cardiovascular imaging, the Gargano Chair will serve as an institutional leader in the field and will be dedicated to developing new methods for the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease. Due to Dr. Poon's leadership and expertise, Stony Brook has the only emergency department in the metropolitan New York area providing coronary computed tomography angiography assessments to patients with chest pain and a high index of suspicion of cardiac disease on a routine basis.

IX. **SBU FACULTY CONTINUE SUCCESSFUL MENTORING OF INTEL STUDENTS**

Stony Brook University faculty members have mentored four of the 40 high school students named as finalists in the prestigious 2015 Intel Science Talent Search competition. Finalists **Charles Gulian** (Ossining, NY), was mentored by **Dr. Michael Simon** from Physics & Astronomy. Finalist **Ien Li** (Jericho, NY), worked with **Dr. Christine DeLorenzo** from Psychiatry and Biomedical Engineering and Director, Center for Understanding Biology using Imaging Technology (CUBIT). Finalist **Scott Massa** (Commack, NY), was mentored by **Dr. David Talmage**, Pharmacological Sciences and **Dr. Lorna Role**, Neurobiology. Finalist **Saranesh Prembabu** (Dougherty Valley HS, CA), was mentored by **Dr. Matthew Dawber**, Physics & Astronomy. These four outstanding students conducted their summer research projects at Stony Brook and were named as finalist from a group of 300 semifinalists.

X. **SPRING ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT**

Stony Brook began the spring 2015 semester with a total of 23,152 registered students at the start of Day 1, 582 more than last year at the same point in the term. The final enrollment snapshot was scheduled for February 13 but may be delayed to account for weather closings.

XI. **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: UNDERGRADUATE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Nominations are being sought for Stony Brook University's Undergraduate Recognition Awards. Awards for Academic Excellence are given for academic accomplishments that go beyond the classroom experience. Awards for Outstanding Achievement are presented for excellence in activities that relate to the co-curricular life of the University and surrounding community. The University's 33rd Undergraduate Excellence and Outstanding Achievement Annual Ceremony will be held on April 13, 2015. This ceremony provides an opportunity to publicly honor the outstanding accomplishments of our undergraduate students and the faculty and staff who mentor them. The deadline for submissions is **February 6, 2015**. For guidelines and eligibility criteria, please visit: www.stonybrook.edu/due.

XII. PRESIDENTIAL MINI-GRANTS FOR DEPARTMENTAL DIVERSITY INITIATIVE

The President's Office is currently accepting proposals for the **Presidential Mini-Grants for Departmental Diversity Initiatives through Monday, February 21**. The grant is designed to encourage faculty to promote diversity through the development of new academic initiatives. Preference will be given to proposals that promote awareness, skills, and knowledge about issues related to race, gender, ethnicity, abilities, age and/or religion. Drawing on a total pool of \$30,000, the award amount granted will be determined by the number of grants selected and approved for funding. Each Mini-Grant recipient will be recognized at the Annual University Awards Dinner. The application form, proposal guidelines and a list of previous winning proposals can be found online at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/pres/minigrants.html>.

XIII. UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month Celebration

The Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Black History Month Committee kicked off the University's annual Black History Month celebration with an opening ceremony on January 28. Keynote speaker **Frederick K. Brewington, Esq.**, a Long Island attorney and advocate for civil and human rights, delivered a powerful lecture on the importance of understanding the past in order to bring about positive change in the future. This event marked the beginning of a series of activities that will take place throughout February. **The Black History Month Closing Ceremony** is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 25 at 8 p.m. in SAC Ballroom A**, and will include remarks from **Dr. Allison McLarty**, Cardiothoracic Surgeon at Stony Brook University's Heart Institute. Visit the Black History Month Web site for a full list of events and activities: www.stonybrook.edu/blackhistory.

Soledad O'Brien Presents Black in America Tour 2015

Soledad O'Brien, an award winning journalist, documentarian, news anchor, producer and television personality, will be coming to Stony Brook as part of the Black in America 2015 Tour. Ms. O'Brien will speak on **February 16 at 6 p.m. at the Staller Center for the Arts**.

XIV. RECENT EVENTS

Green Dot Comes to Campus

Green Dot prepares organizations and communities to implement a strategy of violence prevention that reduces power-based personal violence, including sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, child abuse, elder abuse, and bullying. Green Dot trainers came to campus on January 20 through January 23, and trained nearly 50 Stony Brook University staff and faculty on how to implement the program on campus.

Winter Commencement

Stony Brook celebrated its 17th Winter Commencement on Thursday, December 18 in the newly renovated Island Federal Credit Union Arena. The ceremony was held to confer bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, as well as certificates, for summer 2014 and fall 2014 graduates. Of the 1,571 candidates receiving their degrees, 728 registered to attend Commencement and a total of 625 graduates chose to attend this ceremony.

40 Under Forty Class of 2014 Honored

Stony Brook University's inaugural *40 Under Forty* class was honored at a ceremony and reception in New York City on December 2. Selections to the *40 Under Forty* Class of 2014 were made based on the graduates' achievements, whether in business, research, technology, healthcare, education or the arts; and their leadership, entrepreneurship and community engagement. Information about the evening is available at: www.stonybrook.edu/40under40.

XV. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Winter Sports

- **Men's Basketball**: With an overall record of 15-8 and conference record of 6-2 (as of January 30), Head Coach Steve Pikiell and the men's basketball team are headed into the heart of the season. The new Island Federal Credit union Arena has proven to be a great venue for the team, as they are 9-1 at home. Junior **Jameel Warney** (Plainfield, NJ) is having a phenomenal season and is among the top 10 nationally in several categories, including: 1st in total rebounds, 1st in double-doubles, 5th in offensive rebounds per game, and 6th in rebounds per game.
- **Women's Basketball**: Behind first year Head Coach Caroline McCombs, the women's basketball team has an overall record of 11-10 and a conference record of 4-4 (as of January 30). The team is in the midst of a tough conference schedule. Senior **Sabre Proctor** (Harrisburg, PA) has broken the 1,000 point barrier and currently sits in 13th on Stony Brook's all-time scoring list with 1,086 points. Island Federal Credit Union is proving to be an excellent venue, as the team is 8-3 at home.

Spring Sports Preview

- **Women's Lacrosse**: Head Coach Joe Spallina and the women's lacrosse team have been tabbed as pre-season favorites to win the America East Conference title and are currently ranked #15/16 in the nation in the preseason polls. Every one of Stony Brook's top five goal scorers from 2014 will be back on the field this season. Sophomore **Courtney Murphy** (Shirley, NY) stashed away a team-high 61 goals last year, which led freshmen nationally and was the highest-ever output for a Seawolf freshman. Reigning America East Rookie of the Year and the only freshman selected first-team all-conference, sophomore **Dorrien Van Dyke** (Northport, NY) was second on the team and among freshmen nationally with 52 goals.

She led the team and Division I freshmen with 68 points – a record for a Stony Brook freshman. Van Dyke is an *Inside Lacrosse* Preseason All-America honorable mention pick. Senior **Michelle Rubino** (Port Jefferson, NY), also an honorable mention Preseason All-American, was third on the team in goals (37) and second in assists (22). The women will open their season at home on February 20 against PAC-12 foe USC.

- **Men's Lacrosse**: Despite the recent winter weather, Head Coach Jim Nagle and the team will open the "spring" season with a home game at Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on February 7 against Manhattan College. After early season games against St. John's University and NJIT, the Seawolves will then host two-time defending national champion Duke University. Junior **Challen Rogers** (Coquitlam, British Columbia) was named to *Inside Lacrosse's* preseason All-America team as an honorable mention selection. A two-time All-America East pick, Rogers tallied 22 goals and 30 assists last season, and is only four points away from becoming the 19th player in school history with 100 career points. Rogers will lead a potent offense that returns more than 95 percent of last year's total output.