



Stony Brook
University

Office of the Provost

University Senate Report
April 1, 2024

News and Updates

- **FY 24-25 Budget Preparation:** Deans and vice provosts presented their budget priorities to the Office of the Provost on March 21 and 22. Over the next several weeks, the Provost's Office will review all budget requests, and assemble the overall funding requests that Academic Affairs will seek for FY 24-25. The Provost team will present to the University SBET in late April and hopefully by June, communication of hiring decisions will be finalized. At the same time, the FY24/25 detailed budget will be entered into the Campus Budget Module (CBM) and submitted to the University Budget Office. The University Budget Office will validate the budget submission against the Office of the Provost's multi-year forecast and also prior years' budgets and actuals trending data.

The hiring process builds upon the lessons learned from previous years, which established the framework based on a strategic and all-funds, multi-year budgeting model. The Office of the Provost is committed to transparency and openness of the process. We will continue to communicate information, principles and procedures with the campus community.

- **Faculty Participation in Commencement:** The Provost's Office encourages faculty to participate in the university's Commencement ceremony, May 17, 2024. Faculty attended in large numbers last year, and we hope to see an even greater turnout this year, to celebrate this momentous occasion with our students. The Provost's Office also covers the cost of renting regalia, to encourage faculty to attend, even if they don't own regalia.
 - Faculty can RSVP for the Commencement ceremony [using this link](#).
 - Faculty can rent regalia to use at the Commencement ceremony [using this link](#).

Academic Programs

- **Recently approved programs:**
 - Occupational Therapy OTD (New program, 03/24)
 - Accounting and Analytics (Revision, 03/24)

Faculty Development

- **Navigating Stony Brook University:** This program for early career faculty offered a workshop on Introduction to Research Mentoring on March 22. Their next workshop is on April 5 and will focus on Communication.
- **Emerging Leaders:** This program offers development opportunities for the next generation of higher education leaders in research, education, and administration. The next event is the spring retreat and will take place on Monday, May 20.
- **Excellence in Teaching Program:** This program includes a series of workshops and hands-on activities focusing on teaching and learning. The next event is the spring retreat and will take place on Tuesday, May 21.
- **COACHE** (Collaborative on Academic Careers in Higher Education): The Executive Committee finalized the report with the findings and recommendations about each of the identified topics and presented it to President McInnis and Provost Lejuez. Next steps include sharing the report with the Senate and presenting at an upcoming Senate meeting. For more information, please visit the [SBU COACHE webpage](#).
- **Office of the Provost – Lectures and Talks:**
 - The **Provost’s Lectures Series** on March 5 featured Professors Leonie Huddy of Political Science and Danny Bluestein of Biomedical Engineering. The next talk (and last of this academic year) will take place on [Thursday, April 4 at 3:30 p.m.](#) (Wang Center Theatre).
 - The **Provost’s Spotlight Talk** on March 20 featured Nobel Laureate and President’s Distinguished Endowed Chair in Physics Barry Barish.
- **Awards:**
 - The nomination period for [Outstanding Lecturer Award](#) has been extended until May 1.
 - The nomination period for [Outstanding Mentor Award](#) has been extended until May 1.

Academic Affairs

- Academic Affairs is pleased to introduce the Curriculum Innovation Accelerator, a new initiative to drive innovation and strategic curricular change. The Accelerator will pilot two projects, Project EDGE (Empowering Development in General Education) and Project Landscape.
 - Project EDGE will provide faculty members and departments with financial and in-kind support to design and implement new courses or adapt existing courses for the Stony Brook Curriculum.
 - Project Landscape will empower two departments to analyze and review their current curriculum landscape and develop new program proposals to drive revenue and support student success.

CELT (Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning):

- [The Teaching and Learning Symposium](#) is on Friday, April 12, 2024! [Registration](#) is now open!
- Join CELT for other [Upcoming Events](#) including Generative AI, assessment, and inclusive teaching.
- Coming Soon: **Active Learning in Javits 106!** Join us for engaging sessions that introduce the new active learning classroom. Discover a range of active learning strategies applicable to all in-person classrooms. Sessions are jointly presented by the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) and Classroom Technology and Support Solutions.
 - Interested in updates on these sessions and more? Email CELT@stonybrook.edu to join our Google Group!

Enrollment Management

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarship Services:

- The office has started receiving and loading FAFSA information. We hope to package prospective students with financial aid during the first part of April.

Office of the Registrar:

- 25Live - Completed Summer and Fall Classroom Assignments for West Campus and Health Sciences.
- Campus Solutions - Successfully implemented new Class Time Periods for West Campus to support Advanced Registration beginning April 1.
- Modern Campus - Began vendor discussions regarding Modern Campus Catalog to support implementation of new online course catalog and curriculum management software.
- Parchment Transcripts - Working with the School of Dental Medicine to implement online transcript ordering to support residency and licensing.

Undergraduate Admissions:

- Our Fall 2024 application closed on March 20, 2024, with more than 55,000 applications received from prospective first year students.
- Our anticipated final first year application decision release is March 29; there may be a small number of applicants who completed their file late who will be released after this date but the number will be minimal.
- In April we will host our first School Counselor Advisory Board meeting (virtual). This board is composed of school counselors as well as community based organization advisors from across New York and select out of state markets who will provide feedback and guidance into our work.

Undergraduate Education

- **Fall 2024 Course Registration:** Enrollment appointments for fall registration begin on Monday, April 1, 2024 and run through Friday, April 12, 2024, based upon seniority by credits. Beginning March 25, 2024, students can submit major/minor changes effective for Fall 2024, and can begin viewing the class schedule, and date/time of their enrollment appointments. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their general academic advisor and major/minor advisor to review their academic plan.
- **Spring 2024 Student Progress Reports** concluded on March 27. Thanks to faculty efforts, we achieved a 60% response rate. Academic advisors are currently following up with students to offer resources and support.

Graduate School

- The next offering of **Research Mentoring for Faculty** will take place on Friday, April 19 and Friday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The workshops will be held in person (Wang 201) and lunch will be provided. Research Mentor Training can help participants become better mentors and looks great on CVs and fellowship/grant proposals. Registration is required: [Registration link](#)
- While applications to East and West Campus graduate programs are ongoing, **doctoral applications** have increased by 1K over the previous two years. This represents an increase of 27%.
- Four sections of **resilience training** for graduate students began in March. Each section meets weekly for six weeks; students learn about evidence-based strategies to build resilience and discuss and practice resilience techniques. This effort is based on a training developed by the NIH that has been adapted to SBU; students watch short videos about the data behind specific techniques and then engage in discussion facilitated by a peer leader.

Global Affairs

- SBU hosted **admitted and prospective student information sessions** in Seoul, Korea, and in Shanghai, Beijing and Guagzhou, China. Over 800 people attended, including students and parents. These were well-executed and well-received by the students and parents in these countries.
- The Provost and Office of Global Affairs met with the **Ministry of Education in Beijing**, China, to discuss a variety of topics including the fourth year review of our Stony Brook Institute of Anhui University.

Institutional and Educational Effectiveness

- **Middle States Accreditation**
 - Self-Study available at <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/middlestates/>. Click "View Institutional Self-Study"; authentication with Stony Brook email required.

- Site visit, April 7 - April 10, 2024
 - Faculty Open Forum, Monday, April 8, 4-5pm (Wang, Room TBD)
 - Staff Open Forum, Monday, April 8, 4-5pm (Wang, Room TBD)
 - Student Open Forum, Monday, April 8, 4-5pm (Wang, Room TBD)
(Faculty and Staff may not attend)
 - Exit presentation, Wednesday, April 10, (Wang Theater - tentative)
- **Academic Program Assessment Reports** were due in February; as of March 26, 88% have been submitted.
 - The SBU Assessment Council will review all reports and provide improvement-oriented feedback to programs by Fall 2024.
 - The Academic Program Assessment Reporting timeframe will be shifting to a September 30 deadline annually, as a result of feedback from programs and the Assessment Council. The next assessment report for AY 2024-25 will be due on 9/30/25.
- **Department/Program Review site visits** with external reviewers are currently underway. We are thankful for the participation and collaboration of the Applied Health Informatics, Applied Mathematics and Statistics, Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Biomedical Informatics, Economics, English, Marine Sciences, and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies departments.
- We are in the final stages of reviewing nominations for the Provost's 2024 **Excellence in Educational Effectiveness award** in collaboration with the Assessment Council and Office of the Provost. Recipients will be recognized at an assessment recognition event on May 2, 2024.
- The **SBU Assessment Council** reviewed potential approaches for the future assessment of general education and voted to adopt a staggered timeline, mixed-methods approach. This will entail assessing a subset of 4-5 SBC categories per year through guided conversations using data from a prior semester.