



March 5, 2012

**TO:** University Senate  
**FROM:** Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D. *SLS*  
President  
**SUBJECT:** President's Report

**I. SPRING ENROLLMENT**

The final spring enrollment snapshot was taken at the close of business on Friday, February 10. This semester, 23,600 students were registered after 15 class days. This figure represents 1,350 more students than on opening day of the spring semester.

**II. HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATES APPROVED**

SUNY recently announced the approval of four candidates for honorary degrees at Stony Brook University for 2012. Recipients will include:

- **Mr. Glenn Russell Dubin**, Co-founder, Chairman, and CEO of Highbridge Capital Management, New York, NY, will receive the Doctor of Letters degree. (Nominated by Jim Fiore, SBU Athletics Director)
- **Professor Richard Gambino**, Professor Emeritus and Chairman of the Board of MesoScribe Technologies, will receive the Doctor of Science degree. (Nominated by Professor Michael Dudley, Chair, Department of Materials Science & Engineering)
- **Sister Margaret Ann Landry**, Former Chaplain of the SBU Interfaith Center, will receive the Doctor of Humane Letters degree. (Nominated by Dr. Jerrold Stein, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students)
- **Mr. James Arnold Horowitz (Salter)**, Author, will receive the Doctor of Fine Arts degree. (Nominated by Dr. Robert Reeves, Director/Associate Provost of the Southampton Campus for Graduate Arts)

All of the abovementioned honorary degrees will be conferred during Stony Brook's main Commencement ceremony on Friday, May 18, 2012, at 11 a.m. in the Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium, with the exception of one. Professor Gambino will receive his degree during the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony on Thursday, May 17 at 2 p.m. on the main stage in the Staller Center.

**III. SBU MAKING POSITIVE STRIDES IN FUNDRAISING FOR FY2011-12**

Just over half way through the fiscal year, Stony Brook University is experiencing its most successful fundraising year ever. To date, we have secured more than \$142 million in commitments from donors for professorships, academic departments, scholarships and critical research facilities. Our Advancement staff and academic leaders have and continue to work with alumni and friends to raise more funds to support our deserving students and faculty. The recent Jim and Marilyn Simons gift is a catalyst for our success this year and sets the stage for a high-performing fundraising and alumni relations program on behalf of Stony Brook University. In addition to securing gifts, thanks to a maturing relationship between Advancement and faculty, we have increased the frequency and quality of programming for our 150,000 alumni world-wide. There is still much work to be done this year and beyond. Our ability to nurture and secure new

gifts is a key part of our ability to meet our lofty goals. I would like to offer a special thank you to the faculty and staff who have participated in the "It's About Us" faculty and staff campaign. Your participation is a testament to the strength of our campus community and commitment to excellence.

#### IV. **PLANNING FOR MIDDLE STATES SELF STUDY NOW UNDERWAY**

This semester marks the beginning of a three-year self-study process that will culminate with a site visit from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. A Planning Committee, which includes members of the University Senate, will begin the process by exploring a strategy for our Self Study. We will submit our Proposal for Self Study to the Commission this semester. Following our submission, we can expect a visit from Tito Guerrero III – our Middle States Vice President liaison. The accreditation process, which will involve broad based campus participation, is a wonderful opportunity for us to fully understand our University and ensure that we are operating in a manner consistent with our mission, meeting our strategic goals and complying with the 14 Middle States Characteristics of Excellence. Dr. Charlie Robbins, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of the Undergraduate Colleges, along with Professor Dan Davis of the Department of Geophysics, will co-chair the Middle States Accreditation process. A Website will be developed in the weeks ahead to update the campus community about the Self Study and our progress.

#### V. **RECENT APPOINTMENTS**

**Mrs. Barbara Chernow**, formerly Vice President for Facilities and Services, was recently promoted to Senior Vice President for Administration and will oversee a consolidated administrative office, which includes Facilities and Services, Finance and Human Resource Services with direct responsibility for all administrative, business and facilities operations, including design and construction activity. In this role, she will continue to oversee the University Police Department, Environmental Health and Safety, and Parking and Transportation and will continue her work as Chair of the Project 50 Forward Operational Excellence Program Management Office. Barbara, who has held a variety of senior management positions, has been at Stony Brook since 1998.

**Mrs. Lynn Johnson**, formerly Assistant Vice President of Human Resource Services, was recently appointed as Vice President of Human Resource Services. In this capacity, Lynn serves as the Chief Human Resource Officer for State and Research Foundation employees working on the West Campus, in the Health Sciences Center, at Stony Brook Manhattan and Stony Brook Southampton and at the Research & Development Park. She also has oversight of the Labor Relations functions for Research Foundation and State employees in those same areas and is the Payroll Officer for the entire campus, overseeing payroll services for more than 13,000 employees. Additionally, Lynn, who has been a part of the Stony Brook University community for more than 20 years, will have an expanded role in the Operational Excellence initiative of Project 50 Forward and is a key member of the Budget Working Group. She now also serves as a member of the University Council.

#### VI. **RECENT RANKINGS**

##### **SBU Named "Best Value" by Princeton Review**

Stony Brook was recently ranked one of the nation's "Best Value" colleges and universities by *The Princeton Review*, a Massachusetts-based education services company that profiled Stony Brook in its just-published book, *The Best Value Colleges: 2012 Edition* and on a special area on its website. In its profile of Stony Brook, the editors praise SBU for its "affordability and excellence with academic prestige, offering a great academic reputation, ample research opportunities, and the chance to learn from world-renowned professors for a great price." *The Best Value Colleges: 2012 Edition* features profiles of 75 public and 75 private colleges with detailed information about their campus culture, facilities and financial aid offerings. "Best Value Colleges" were selected based on institutional data and student opinion surveys collected from 650 colleges and universities the company regards as the nation's academically best



undergraduate institutions. The selection process analyzed more than 30 data points broadly covering academics, cost and financial aid.

## VII. **KEY DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Festival of the Moving Body – “The Body is the New Classroom”**

On **Friday March 16**, Stony Brook’s Center for Dance, Movement, and Somatic Learning will host an innovative invitation-only summit featuring experts across disciplines of dance, movement, medicine, architecture and music. The summit is modeled after TED Talks and will explore unknown territories for educating a new generation of healthy, creative, productive and imaginative citizens. On **Saturday March 17**, the Festival opens its doors to the public as experts from around the country examine dance, movement and somatics, health, recovery, and well-being through presentations including performance, film, media, installations, workshops, panels, and lectures located throughout the **Wang Center**. This ground-breaking initiative promises to offer an expansive vision for the fields of dance, movement, medicine, and somatics and new thinking about how we collaborate across the globe to meet the needs of the future. For more information, visit the festival website at [www.stonybrook.edu/movingbody](http://www.stonybrook.edu/movingbody).

### **Save the Date**

Please save the date for the following important University events and activities:

- The **Stars of Stony Brook Gala**, honoring Ed Harris and The Pollack-Krasner Foundation, is scheduled for **April 25, 2012**, at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers in New York City.
- The Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting of the **Laufer Center for Physical and Quantitative Biology**, will take place on **Tuesday, May 7 at 4:00 pm**. For more information, contact Diana Hannan, Director of Conferences and Special Events, at (631) 632-6320 or via email at [Diana.Hannan@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Diana.Hannan@stonybrook.edu).
- The Stony Brook University Alumni Association will host its annual **Scholarship Golf Classic on Monday, June 18, 2012**, at Willow Creek Golf and Country Club in Mt. Sinai. For more information, call (631) 632-4466.

## VIII. **ATHLETICS UPDATE**

Men’s Basketball won the regular season conference title with a conference record of 14-2. The team competes this weekend in the America East Conference tournament. If Coach of the Year winner Steve Pikiell and the team can win both of their games on Saturday and Sunday (March 3-4), they will return home on Saturday, March 10th to host the Conference Finals at 11:00 a.m. The Final game will be nationally televised on ESPNU.

Women’s Lacrosse is off to its best start in history with a 4-0 record under first-year Head Coach Joe Spallina. The team faces a real challenge in the next few weeks as they battle four top-20 teams in Johns Hopkins, Duke, Maryland and Florida.