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**TO:** University Senate

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President

**SUBJECT:** President's Report

**I. ENROLLMENT DATA FOR FALL 2012:**

On the September 18 enrollment snapshot date, Stony Brook University reported 24,229 students registered after 15 class days. This figure reflects 21 more students than last year.

**II. SBU RECEIVES ITS HIGHEST RANKING IN US NEWS & WORLD REPORT**

It was recently announced that Stony Brook University ranks among the top 100 National Universities in America and among the top 40 Public National Universities in the country, according to the 2013 edition of the U.S. News & World Report survey. Stony Brook is ranked 92nd among national universities, which the magazine defines as universities that “are typically large institutions that focus on research and grant bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees.” Stony Brook also ranked 40th in the category of “Top Public Schools among National Universities,” which is a category consisting of doctoral granting institutions. These new rankings represent the highest rankings awarded to Stony Brook by US News in each respective category.

**III. HOMECOMING 2012 RECORDED AS A MAJOR SUCCESS**

Nearly 2,000 alumni, students, faculty, staff, neighbors and friends attended Wolfstock 2012 on the campus on Saturday, September 22. This year’s attendance marked a 19% increase over 2011, which made this year’s event the largest Wolfstock to date. In addition to enjoying all of the activities associated with this homecoming barbecue celebration, more than 10,000 fans packed the stadium and cheered the Seawolves on to an exciting win against Colgate.

**IV. OCTOBER TO MARK A MONTH OF CELEBRATION AT THE WANG CENTER**

Stony Brook University will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Charles B. Wang Center throughout the month of October. Events celebrating the occasion will begin on **October 4** at 7 p.m. with **Earth Sounds**, which will feature a performance merging the Native American, Mongolian and Australian musical cultures. Other events during the month will include “**The Sonagi Project: Korean Contemporary Percussion**” on **October 16**; an exhibition, “**Reinterpretations II: Celebrating 10 Amazing Years**”, which will be on display from October 24-November 28; and “**PATANG: Feature Screening with Short Film SANGAM**” and a discussion with Director Prashant Bhargava on **October 24**. The celebration will culminate with Tibetan Monks from the centuries-old Drepung Loseling Monastery creating an intricate Mandala sand painting as a

blessing to the Wang Center. The Mandala will be destroyed after its completion as a metaphor for the Buddhist lesson of impermanence. This extraordinary experience will be marked by a public opening ceremony with polyphonic chanting and dance on **October 28** and a closing ceremony with chanting, dance and distribution of the sand on **October 30**. Contact the Wang Center or its Website for more details.

#### V. **KEY SBU EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Turner Fellowship Program to Celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Center for Inclusive Education will host a grand anniversary event on **October 5**, in celebration of the silver anniversary of the **W. Burghardt Turner Fellowship Program** at Stony Brook University and to recognize the accomplishments of the program and its many distinguished fellows and alumni. Part conference, part reunion, the celebration will be comprised of several alumni presentations in a variety of formats including workshops, research symposia, and art and music exhibitions along with guest speakers, a networking fair, and a diversity exhibition. The event will also feature a special guest speaker, **Dr. Frances Colón, Deputy Science and Technology Advisor to U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton**. The celebration will culminate with an evening gala that will include the welcoming of the University's 2012 Turner Fellows. The Fellowship is named in honor of the late Professor W. Burghardt "Burg" Turner, an African American faculty member who taught at the University for nearly 20 years and was actively engaged with issues relating to academic access for underrepresented students and their success at Stony Brook.

##### **Rugby Superstar Ben Cohen Scheduled to Speak at Stony Brook**

On **Tuesday, October 9 at 4 p.m.**, former England World Cup Rugby Champion and activist Ben Cohen will present a lecture about the dangers of bullying at the **Staller Center Main Stage**. This event is being presented by the members of the Stony Brook StandUp Charter, which was founded on campus in fall 2011 to raise awareness about bullying and homophobia and to highlight the work of the StandUp Foundation, which is the world's first foundation dedicated to raising awareness of the long-term, damaging effects of bullying and homophobia..

##### **SBU to Honor Distinguished Faculty at Upcoming Awards Dinner**

Faculty members receiving appointments to the rank of Distinguished Professor and recipients of the Chancellor's Awards, which are given in five different categories, will be recognized at the **University Awards Ceremony on October 9 at 6 p.m. in Ballroom A of the Student Activities Center**. For more information, contact the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 632-6320.

##### **Plans for Agricultural Consumer Science Center Ribbon Cutting Set**

A ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration of the new Agricultural Consumer Science building, realized through the efforts of NYS Senator Kenneth P. LaValle's success in securing a \$3.5 million grant from New York State Economic Development Assistance Program, has been set for **Tuesday, October 16, 2012 in Calverton, NY**. The ACSC will assist regional wine and agricultural producers and local entrepreneurs in developing new, marketable consumer items and enhance their product lines through access to state-of-the-art shared processing areas and collaboration with researchers, scientists, and professionals at Stony Brook University, Brookhaven National Lab, and the NYS Small Business Development Center.

### **Ribbon Cutting Scheduled for Stony Brook's New Rec Center**

The University will officially welcome the addition of its new, state-of-the-art Campus Recreation Center, featuring 85,000 square feet of programming space, on **Friday, October 19**. The Facility includes a three-court gymnasium for basketball, volleyball, and badminton; three group fitness studios; a 17,000 square foot weight/fitness room; Campus Recreation offices; an indoor track, multi-activity court; locker rooms, equipment rental, two lounges, and wireless Internet access.

## **VI. ATHLETICS UPDATE**

**Football** - Head Coach Chuck Priore and the Seawolves highlighted a great Homecoming weekend with a thrilling 32-31 victory over Colgate University in front of the largest crowd ever in LaValle Stadium history (10,278). In their final non-conference game of the 2012 schedule, the Stony Brook football team (3-1) travels to face Army (0-3) Saturday afternoon at 12 p.m. Stony Brook is currently ranked #18 in the national FCS rankings.

**Baseball** - Former Stony Brook relief pitcher Tom Koehler ('08) was called up to the Miami Marlins and made his major league debut on September 5th. He has pitched in 7 innings so far and has struck out nine. During a recent swing through New York, more than 25 Stony Brook friends, family and other alumnae attended the Marlins-Mets game to watch Koehler in action. Tom is the second Stony Brook baseball player to play in the majors, joining Joe Nathan ('97), who currently pitches for the Texas Rangers.

**Men's Lacrosse** - Stony Brook University's Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium has been selected to host the 2013 and 2014 America East Men's Lacrosse Championship, the conference announced Thursday after the member institution's athletic directors voted on the tournament's location earlier that morning. The 2013 America East Championship will commence with the semifinals on Thursday, May 2 and conclude with the title game on Saturday, May 4. The final will be nationally televised on ESPNU at 10 a.m.