



November 5, 2012

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

I. POST HURRICANE SANDY UPDATE

I wish to extend my thanks to **Sr. Vice President Barbara Chernow** and our **Facilities and Services** team, along with our **University Police and Emergency Management Officials**, for the outstanding effort that was made to keep our students, personnel and campus safe during Hurricane Sandy. I am also extremely grateful for all of the hard work and sacrifice made by our **essential employees and other campus personnel** who demonstrated that great Stony Brook spirit last week as they served the needs of our campus community and provided critical support to the community at-large through our hospital and other campus-based programs and services. We made every attempt to keep all of our University stakeholders informed about available resources, the status of classes and institutional programs, safety conditions on campus, as well as work expectations. As you probably noticed, tremendous efforts were made to ensure prompt clean up and recovery and to restore general operations as quickly as possible. Since we know that many members of our University family are still dealing with post-hurricane concerns, we will continue to provide information regarding relevant resources and issue updates about the status of various campus services and the rescheduling of postponed programs and activities. I encourage those who are still in need of specific resources and support to contact our **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** Office and/or watch the University Website, especially the **SB Alert** site, for updated information about internal and external resources that remain available.

II. SBU TO HOST INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION BY NYGC

Members of the Stony Brook University community will have an opportunity to interact with representatives from the **New York Genome Center** on November 14. Center officials will be sharing information regarding the mission, services and opportunities for collaboration with the NYGC. As President of Stony Brook University, which is one of the Institutional Founding Members of the Center, I will give welcoming remarks at the event. The NYGC will soon launch its service offerings, which will include whole genome sequencing, exome sequencing and RNA-seq., through its Innovation Center and expects to expand its services next year as it opens its permanent facility.

III. SBU CELEBRATES THE OPENING OF ITS NEW REC CENTER

On Friday, October 19, Stony Brook University celebrated the opening of its new Campus Recreation Center, a state-of-the-art 85,000-square-foot health, fitness and wellness hub. Located between the Student Union and the Sports Complex, the Campus Recreation Center is a three-floor facility devoted entirely to the health and well-being of Stony Brook students, faculty and staff. It also includes two first-floor lounges with couches, televisions and wireless Internet access. Among those joining me and officials from the Office of Student Affairs for this commemorative event were: NYS Senator **Kenneth P. LaValle**; NYS Assemblyman **Steven Englebright**; Suffolk County Legislator **Kara Hahn**; Undergraduate Student Government President **Anna Lubitz**, USG Vice President **Derek Cope**; and **Fred Preston**, former SBU Vice President for Student Affairs. Daily Rec Center hours will be from 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. to members of the Stony Brook University community. Membership for undergraduate students is paid for in the Recreation Center and Field Fee; graduate students can obtain a membership at a reduced price; and annual and seasonal memberships are available for faculty and staff.

IV. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Men's and Women's Cross Country - For the first time ever, the Stony Brook men's cross country team won the America East conference title with **Eric Speakman** (Soph, Napier, New Zealand) claiming the individual title. And for the sixth consecutive year, **Head Coach Andy Ronan** led the women to another conference title for a clean sweep in that sport. Both teams will advance to the NCAA Regionals.

Football – With a 45-7 win over VMI on Saturday night, **Head Football Coach Chuck Priore** has led his team to a 9-1 record and #9 national ranking. With one regular season contest remaining, Coach Priore and the Seawolves are hoping to win a fourth consecutive conference title and earn a bid to the NCAA playoffs. Senior running back **Miguel Maysonet** (Sr., Riverhead, NY) is having another phenomenal year and is in contention to win the Walter Payton Award, which is given to the best football player at the FCS level. (Previous Payton Award winners include Tony Romo, Brian Westbrook and the late Steve McNair.)

Women's Soccer - Head Coach Sue Ryan and the women's soccer team will advance to the NCAA Tournament after a 1-0 win against Hartford on Sunday. This is Stony Brook's first-ever America East Championship, and the team becomes the first No. 6 seed to claim the title in conference history. Stony Brook will learn its NCAA Tournament opponent in the selection show today at 4:30 p.m., live on NCAA.com.

Men's Soccer - Behind second year **Head Coach Ryan Anatol**, the men's soccer team finished the regular season in third place and staged a thrilling comeback to secure a 5-4 win over the Binghamton Bearcats in the quarterfinals of the America East Championship at LaValle Stadium on Saturday. As the defending America East Conference Champions,

Coach Anatol is looking for another title and a return to the NCAA Tournament. No. 3 seeded Stony Brook (11-5-1) advances to play No. 2 seed UMBC in Baltimore Wednesday at 7 p.m.