



MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate

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

DATE: February 4, 2019

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. APPOINTMENTS & DEPARTURES

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs to Step Down

Dr. Michael Bernstein, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, will be leaving Stony Brook University for personal reasons at the end of the academic year. During his nearly three-year tenure, Michael has accomplished much for the University's academic enterprise and set the Provost's Office on a strong path. Michael tackled the difficult work of stabilizing the provostial budget, while developing a number of new initiatives to move Stony Brook University ahead. He led his talented team in creating multiple mentoring and professional development programs for our faculty and staff, supported efforts to improve our services for international students, facilitated our efforts to enhance the diversity of the student body, and helped record increases in our undergraduate retention and graduation rates. Michael will continue as our Provost throughout the spring semester, and the process of identifying Stony Brook University's next Provost will begin soon.

Rick Gatteau Appointed Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students

After a national search, **Richard "Rick" J. Gatteau, PhD**, has been selected to be our new Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students. He will lead the Division of Student Affairs as an advocate for student needs, with oversight of a number of critical programs designed to support the individual growth of our students, wellness, inclusion and leadership. In this role, he will also help to facilitate student success, work to promote civility and community, and provide counsel and assistance to individual students and student groups. Currently in his 26th year working in higher education, Rick earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Bucknell University and his master's degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs from the University of Vermont. He completed his PhD in Educational Leadership and Administration at Fordham University, where his doctoral dissertation research focused on female presidential leadership at selective higher education institutions.

Jun Liu Takes on Added Title of Vice President for Global Affairs

Dr. Jun Liu, Vice Provost for Global Affairs, Dean of International Academic Programs, and Professor of Linguistics, will now take up the added title of Vice President for Global Affairs. As our University's senior international officer, Jun oversees the Office of Global Affairs – which encompasses study abroad programs, visa and immigration services, global partnerships, the intensive English programs, the Institute of Global Studies, the China Center, and the Confucius Institute. Under his leadership, our University received the 2018 Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization. In 2016, Jun launched Stony Brook's Global Summer Institute, which has attracted many international students each year. As Founding Director of the Stony Brook China Center (established in 2017), he has led concerted efforts across campus to boost recruitment and build alumni relations in China.

Yacov Shamash Steps Down as Vice President for Economic Development & Office of Economic Development to Consolidate within the Office of Research

Dr. Yacov Shamash has decided to step down as Vice President for Economic Development effective April 1, 2019 and will return to teaching as a tenured professor in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Moving forward, the Office of Economic Development will be consolidated within the Office of Research. By functionally aligning Economic Development within the Office of Research, we will expand opportunities for entrepreneurship, innovation and research, while strategically enhancing the University's opportunities for economic impact on Long Island and throughout New York State.

This important step is made possible by the strong foundation established by Dr. Shamash. Under his leadership, we have grown the Stony Brook University Research & Development Park, which is home to two existing buildings – the Advanced Energy and Research Technology Center (AERTC) and the Center for Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology (CEWIT). AERTC and CEWIT house numerous research and economic development programs and services, and two more buildings are on the way – the Innovation and Discovery Center (IDC) and Innovation in Medicine and Engineering (IDIME). Under Dr. Shamash, Stony Brook also became home to two New York State Centers of Excellence at AERTC and CEWIT, and three Centers for Advanced Technology, including: the Center for Biotechnology, the Sensor CAT, and the Center for Integrated Electric Energy Systems. Dr. Shamash also developed our incubator facilities and the Center for Corporate Education and Training.

Stony Brook is at a transformational moment, given the expansion of the Research and Development Park and the growth of new research partnerships that cross traditional departmental boundaries. Dr. Shamash has agreed to serve as my Executive Advisor on Economic Development during the transition. I have also asked **Peter Donnelly**, Director of Technology, Licensing and Industry Relations, under the leadership of **Rich Reeder**, Vice President for Research, to expand his current role and to serve as the Associate Vice President for Technology Partnerships. In this new role, Peter will be overseeing the realignment of Economic Development within the Research Office and will explore, promote and develop opportunities afforded by this new structure.

Laura Lindenfeld Appointed Interim Dean of the School of Journalism

Dr. Laura Lindenfeld, Professor of Journalism and Executive Director of the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science, has assumed additional new duties as Interim Dean of the School of Journalism. Dr. Lindenfeld joined Stony Brook University as Executive Director of the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science and Professor in the School of Journalism in 2016. Previously, she served as Professor of Communication and Director of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center – a nonpartisan, independent research center at the University of Maine. As a scholar and a leader, Dr. Lindenfeld is deeply dedicated to supporting growth and innovation in higher education, a commitment she has brought to her work at Stony Brook's Alda Center. As the Alda Center Director, she oversees a dynamic organization that has trained over 14,000 scientists worldwide and introduced over 50,000 people to the Alda Method®. Dr. Lindenfeld holds a PhD in Cultural Studies from the University of California, Davis. As a communication researcher, her work draws inspiration from the idea that we can make better, more informed decisions about how we shape our collective future.

Jarvis Watson Named Interim Chief Diversity Officer

LeManuel "Lee" Bitsóí, EdD, has stepped down as the University's inaugural Chief Diversity Officer (CDO), and **Jarvis M. Watson, EdD**, Assistant Dean for Multicultural Affairs in the Division of Student Affairs, will serve as Interim CDO, effective immediately. Jarvis will serve on our leadership team until a permanent CDO is identified. In his role as Assistant Dean for Multicultural Affairs, Jarvis has been active in advancing many initiatives outlined in the Stony Brook [Plan for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity](#) and has been responsible for developing strategies to meet the needs of Stony Brook's diverse student population. He developed and manages the day-to-day operations of the UNITI Cultural Center and its programs, and works collaboratively with Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and various student organizations to promote education, interaction, and understanding across cultures. Jarvis has also been active in helping the Alumni Association to develop strong relationships with our diverse alumni population through strategic programmatic and volunteer efforts. Jarvis is a proud alumnus of Stony Brook University (BA '98). After earning his undergraduate degree in English, Jarvis earned his master's degree in Counselor Education and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration, Leadership, and Technology from Dowling College.

Expanded Role for Matthew Nappi, Chief Information Security Officer

The role of Chief Information Security Officer, held by **Matthew Nappi**, has been expanded to include Stony Brook Medicine. In this expanded role, Matt is charged with broadening the scope of the existing Information Security Program to include Stony Brook Medicine, and expanding the Information Security team to facilitate those efforts. Matt will continue to work closely with relevant Stony Brook Medicine compliance and privacy functions and personnel. Matt chairs Stony Brook University's Information Security Program Council, and has coordinated many cross-team cybersecurity efforts and working groups.

II. STATE BUDGET

New York State Governor **Andrew M. Cuomo** unveiled his proposed 2019-20 Executive Budget last month. Highlights of the proposed budget with anticipated impact on Stony Brook include:

General Issues

- Legalize marijuana
- Improve absentee, same day voting, allow same day registration
- Prohibit state agencies from inquiring about immigration status
- Pass Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA)

Revenue & Economic Development

- \$750M for Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs)
- \$325M for High-Tech Innovation and Economic Development Infrastructure

Infrastructure Spending

- \$150B for nation's largest infrastructure program over next five years
- \$13B to improve and maintain SUNY/CUNY buildings, as well as healthcare facilities
- \$66B for transportation needs

Environmental Spending

- \$10B Green Future Fund to support clean water infrastructure, renewable energy and clean transportation and open space and resiliency; includes \$5B for drinking and wastewater infrastructure
- \$2.5B for clean water initiatives, including shellfish programs
- Implement statewide ban on plastic bags

Education & Healthcare

- \$1B education aid increase (3.6%); over 70% to high-need school districts
- Healthcare spending increased by 3.65%
- New York State Affordable Care Act codified
- Fight the Opioid Epidemic
- Raise the age to buy cigarettes from 18 to 21
- Require study on nurse staffing

Higher Education

- Pass the DREAM Act
- Final phase-in of Excelsior Scholarship (up to \$125K income)
- Campuses can apply for funding through REDCs
- Bond issuance cap for residence hall program increased by \$450M
- Establishes a for-profit college accountability act
- Stricter requirements for student loan companies

SUNY

- Provides funding to mitigate one-year UUP retroactive spending
- Continues predictable tuition and regular Maintenance of Effort (MOE)
- PRODI-G program – allows SUNY to hire up to 1,000 new URM faculty over the next ten years
- Requires OSC pre-approval for all contracts above \$250K; requires pre-approval of RF spending in excess of \$1M

- Cuts \$16.5M in legislative add-ons
- \$55M for new round of SUNY2020 grants
- \$550M SUNY-wide capital, with \$396M slated only for high-priority critical maintenance issues

SBU Operations/Capital

- Retroactive salary increases covered for one year
- Predictable tuition continued
- CATS and COEs funded at \$872,333 (rejected legislative add-on)
- \$3M groundwater research (with Suffolk County)
- \$23.3M critical maintenance for both west and east campuses, including LISVH

SUNY Hospital Funding

- Does not restore 19/19 \$78M cut for 3 hospitals
- DSH cap raised to provide 100% match to Federal DSH funds
- SUNY request to swap debt service payment for adding back operating funds rejected
- Maintains \$670K funding for NCI application
- \$100M in new capital money for SBM and Upstate

III. ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

Since the beginning of the fiscal year on July 1, we have secured a total of \$27.1 million from 8,403 donors. The following are the most recent examples of how our generous donors are investing in our students, faculty, staff, and patients through their giving:

- **\$600,000** for the School of Journalism
- **\$537,000** for the WISE, iCreate, and Wolf Ride Bike Share programs
- **\$525,000** for the Alda Center
- **\$500,000** for Athletics
- **\$200,000** for cancer scholars
- **\$150,000** for a research fellowship in Dermatology
- **\$100,000** for the Waste Reduction and Management Institute
- **\$100,000** for the Institute for Ocean Conservation Science

IV. SPRING ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT

A total of 24,571 students were registered at the beginning of Day 1 in spring 2019, 426 more than last year at the same point in the term. Compared to spring 2018, the following changes were observed by area:

- +310 West Campus undergraduates
- -112 Graduate School (West, HSC, Southampton)
- +161 School of Professional Development
- +57 East Campus/HSC
- +34 Southampton location

The final enrollment snapshot is scheduled for February 15.

V. ELLEN PIKITCH NAMED INAUGURAL ENDOWED PROFESSOR IN OCEAN CONSERVATION SCIENCE

The Ocean Sanctuary Alliance (OSA) is leading the charge to conserve at least 10 percent of the world's marine and coastal areas by 2020, and to ensure that ocean protection is effective and durable. OSA is also investing in the work of Stony Brook University professor **Dr. Ellen Pikitch** – one of the world's leading experts in ocean conservation. In recognition of her proven conservation track record and current portfolio of promising research, they've created the Endowed Professorship in Ocean Conservation Science in the School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (SoMAS), along with support from an anonymous donor. As the inaugural holder of the position, Pikitch will expand her transformational work while educating the next generation of leaders in ocean conservation.

VI. FACULTY ACCOLADES

I am pleased and proud to report on the following recent outstanding accomplishments of our faculty:

- **Kenneth Kaushansky**, MD, MACP, Senior Vice President of the Health Sciences and Dean of the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University and **F. William Studier**, Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry at Stony Brook University and a Senior Biophysicist Emeritus at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory, have been elected as Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI).
- **Latha Chandran**, MD, MPH, Vice Dean of Academic and Faculty Affairs, the Miriam and David Donoho Distinguished Teaching Professor and SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor at the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University, has been elected President of the Academic Pediatric Association (APA). Dr. Chandran will officially begin her one-year term as APA President-Elect in April 2019, serve as the President for one year and the immediate past president for another year.
- Eight Stony Brook University faculty members have been approved by the SUNY Board of Trustees for appointment to the rank of Distinguished Professors. This rank is conferred upon faculty who have achieved national and/or international prominence and a distinguished reputation within their chosen field. This recent class includes: **Jessica Gurevitch**, Department of Ecology and Evolution; **Dmitri E. Kharzeev**, Department of Physics and Astronomy; **Ute Martha Moll**, Department of Pathology; **Suparna Rajaram**, Department of Psychology; **Nicole S. Sampson**, Department of Chemistry; and **Leon A. Takhtajan**, Department of Mathematics were named Distinguished Professors, while **Mary F. Kritzer**, Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, was named Distinguished Service Professor and **Michael B. Huang**, Full Librarian at the Health Sciences Center Library, was named Distinguished Librarian Professor.

VII. REGENERON FINALIST MENTORED AT STONY BROOK

Among the top finalists in the prestigious Regeneron Science Talent Search is **Ahmad Perez**, a Brentwood High School student mentored by **Sherif Abdelaziz**, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. More than 2,000 students entered the competition nationwide.

VIII. ONLINE TITLE IX TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES

The Office of Institutional Diversity & Equity (OIDE) has developed an online Title IX and sexual harassment prevention program called **ReportIt: Ending Sexual Misconduct for Faculty & Staff**. This interactive online program provides information on Title IX, sexual misconduct, reporting options, where to get support and help, and identifies Responsible Employees. **All employees are required to complete this training program by February 28, 2019.** Further information on OIDE's Training and Awareness Program is available at this link: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/oide/training/index.php>. If you have questions, please send an email to oide@stonybrook.edu.

IX. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Undergraduate Recognition Awards

Nominations are being sought for Stony Brook University's Undergraduate Recognition Awards for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Achievement. Awards for Academic Excellence are given for academic accomplishments that go beyond the classroom experience. Awards for Outstanding Achievement are presented for excellence in one of three subcategories: Athletics, Leadership or Community Service. The submission deadline is **Wednesday, February 6**. Visit <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/duw/awards.php?accordion=panel-d13e328> for guidelines and eligibility criteria.

President's Council of Student Advisors (COSA)

I am seeking nominations for the President's Council of Student Advisors for the 2019-2020 academic year. I am looking for exemplary students who demonstrate leadership, ingenuity, intellectual capacity, and a deep commitment to the University. The Council consists of undergraduates with demonstrated academic excellence and sincere interest in the challenges and complexities confronting higher education. Advisors engage in targeted research throughout the year on important issues that impact our campus community. Their findings are reported to me along with recommendations based on their research. Your nominations will be most useful if received by **Monday, February 18**. For more information about the Council and nomination process, please visit: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/pres/cosa/index.php>.

X. 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 Friday, March 1**. 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. The application form, guidelines and a list of previous winning proposals, are available at: <https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/pres/minigrants/index.html>.

XI. RECENT EVENTS

Winter Commencement

Stony Brook celebrated its 21st Winter Commencement on Friday, December 21 at the Island Federal Credit Union Arena. The ceremony was held to confer bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, as well as certificates, for summer 2018 and fall 2018 graduates. A total of 1,820 degrees were conferred.

XII. UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month Celebration

The Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Black History Month Committee have once again coordinated the University's annual Black History Month celebrations. The opening ceremony is set for **Wednesday, February 6**, and will feature keynote speaker **Kwame Onwuachi** from Bravo's Top Chef. He will be interviewed talk-show style by Africana Studies Professor, **Dr. Zebulon Miletsky**, about his journey as a chef and his perseverance in overcoming obstacles to achieve his culinary dreams. Additional information, including a calendar of events and activities scheduled through the month, is available here: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/bhm/>.

XIII. ATHLETICS UPDATE¹

- **Academics**: Stony Brook student-athletes finished the fall semester with 285 student-athletes (out of 450) earning a 3.0 GPA or above. Of that group, 15 achieved a 4.0 and 114 achieved a 3.5 or above.
- **Men's Basketball**: The team has an overall record of 17-4, which is the program's best start since joining Division I. The team's 10 true road wins are the more than any other team in the country.
- **Women's Basketball**: The team has an overall record of 15-5. Senior guard **Shania Johnson** ranks second in the country with 150 assists.
- **Women's Lacrosse**: The team is ranked as the No. 5 team in the nation in all major preseason polls.
- **Women's Soccer**: **Tobias Bischof** was named as the new head coach for Stony Brook women's soccer on January 24. Bischof joins Stony Brook after serving as the Associate Head Coach at Hofstra for the past eight seasons. Former head coach **Brendan Faherty** was recently named as the new head coach at Yale University.

¹ As of January 29