



MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate
FROM: Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.
President
DATE: November 1, 2013
SUBJECT: President's Report

I. MIDDLE STATES REACCREDITATION UPDATE

Preparation for the Middle States reaccreditation effort continues to move forward. Six working groups, comprised of more than 85 members of the campus community, have conducted a comprehensive self-study while following the guidelines and criteria set forth by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. All working groups have submitted their reports to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee then reviewed and commented on all reports, which were then compiled into one draft document. This draft document is in the final editing stage and will be presented to the campus community in the upcoming weeks for review and comment. Dr. William E. Kirwan, our Middle States Evaluation Team Chair, will make a preliminary visit to Stony Brook on December 16-17, 2013. Dr. Kirwan is the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland.

II. CHIEF DEPUTY TO THE PRESIDENT SEARCH UPDATE

As you may recall, Dr. Tonjanita Johnson stepped down as my Chief Deputy in June. A search for her replacement is now underway. A search committee has been assembled and is being led by committee chair Lynn Johnson, Vice President of Human Resource Services. The committee has been charged and is preparing to review applications. The position was formally announced on the Stony Brook website on October 24 and the application deadline is November 22.

III. JAMES AND ROBIN HERRNSTEIN DONATE \$3M TO ESTABLISH GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

A recent gift of \$3M was made by James and Robin Herrnstein to launch a new ambitious effort to bring healthcare resources to Madagascar. The gift will help establish a new Global Health Institute at Stony Brook University's Centre ValBio. In an effort with PIVOT (the Herrnstein's new nongovernmental organization) and support from Partners in Health, the Institute seeks to drive cutting-edge health research and tackle a broad range of global health initiatives. In addition, the Institute will work to establish an evidence-based model health system for Madagascar.

IV. ADMINISTRATOR/STAFF HONORS

Dr. Kenneth Kaushansky Receives National Honor for Seminal Research in Hematology

Dr. Kenneth Kaushansky, Senior Vice President for the Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine, will be honored by the American Society of Hematology (ASH) with the 2013 Ernest Beutler Lecture and Prize. Dr. Kaushansky is receiving this award for his seminal research in the discovery of thrombopoietin (TPO) – the growth factor that regulates platelet production. He will present “Thrombopoietin: From Molecule to Medicine,” a lecture on December 9 at the 55th ASH Annual Meeting and Exposition in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Kaushansky shares this award with Dr. David Kuter of the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center.

Elizabeth McCoy Receives SUNY Lifetime Achievement Award

Elizabeth McCoy, Chief Human Resources Officer for Stony Brook University Hospital, was recently honored at the State University of New York Human Resources Association (SUHRA) Annual Conference. Ms. McCoy received the Lifetime Achievement in Human Resources Award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the field and her impact at Stony Brook.

V. ONGOING CAMPUS INITIATIVES

Stony Brook Cares SEFA/United Way Campaign Underway

The 2013 Stony Brook Cares SEFA/United Way Campaign has a rich 30-year history. This charitable giving effort gives faculty and staff the opportunity to help meet the needs of those in our community by supporting a network of local, national and international organizations that provide vital assistance. The campaign is just past the half-way point and ends on December 31. Visit <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sefa> to learn more.

Stony Brook Medicine in the Pink Glove Dance Video Competition

Stony Brook Medicine has once again partnered with the University, hospital and community to participate in the 2013 Pink Glove competition. The video competition is a national contest that is intended to raise awareness for breast cancer research. Hundreds of videos are submitted each year and donations are made to the top vote getters. To view Stony Brook’s video and take part in the voting, visit: <http://stonybrookmedicine.edu/pinkglovedance2013>.

Flu Vaccinations Available

Vaccination is the best protection against contracting the flu. Stony Brook University faculty and staff are encouraged to consider getting vaccinated. Faculty and staff with “Hospital Access” on their ID badge can receive the vaccine at Employee Health & Wellness, Hospital Level 3, Room 557. All other faculty and staff may receive the vaccine at Student Health Services located near LaValle Stadium. For more information visit: <http://stonybrookmedicine.edu/flushot>.

VI. STONY BROOK SET TO CELEBRATE WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Stony Brook will celebrate Winter Commencement on **Thursday, December 19 in the Pritchard Gymnasium**. The first ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will recognize graduates in the College of Arts and Sciences. The second ceremony is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. and will include graduates from all other colleges and schools. The ceremonies will confer bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees for summer 2013 and fall 2013 graduates. As of October 29, just over 2,000 students have applied for graduation.

VII. RECENT EVENTS

Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrated

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrated its 24th year at Stony Brook this past October. The month opened on Wednesday, October 2 with an address from the Honorable Lizbeth Gonzales of the New York City Civil Court. Events throughout the month included a film festival, new faculty colloquium and a variety of lectures. The closing ceremony and concert took place on Tuesday, October 29.

Stony Brook University's First-Ever TEDx Event

On October 10, Stony Brook hosted TEDxSBU: Our Beat. The event was led by Master of Ceremonies Nancy Franklin (Associate Professor of Psychology) and featured presentations by talented students, faculty, staff, and alumni from a wide variety of disciplines. TED is a nonprofit organization which started almost 30 years ago and is devoted to "ideas worth spreading." TED has grown to support world-changing ideas with multiple initiatives. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. To learn more about TEDxSBU visit: <http://www.ted.com/tedx/events/8120>.

Operational Excellence Project Leaders Recognized

The efforts of the Project 50 Forward Operational Excellence project leaders were applauded on October 2 at a recognition breakfast. I proudly recognized leaders for completing projects which have improved our operations and helped the University realize significant cost-savings. Project leaders honored include: Margaret Schedel, Charles Powell and Shady Azzam-Gomez (Migration to Google Apps for Education); Dr. Matthew Whelan (Enrollment Management); Dr. Andrew White (Consolidation of Library Services); Dr. Jerrold Stein and Gina Vanacore (Faculty Student Association Review – Phase I); Deborah Abbate (Employee Assistance Program); and Terence Harrigan (Custodial Staffing Assessment).

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans Day Ceremony

This year's Veterans Day Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center (SAC) Auditorium**. The ceremony is dedicated to the students, alumni, faculty, staff and families who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces – especially those students that have postponed their education to serve in moments of need. For more information, please call the Office of Veterans and Student Affairs at 632-6700.

Faculty Achievement Dinner

This year's Faculty Achievement Dinner will take place on **Tuesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Field Club**. Provost Assanis and I look forward to recognizing and celebrating the achievements of more than seventy distinguished faculty members. Contact the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 632-6320 for more details.

IX. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Women's Soccer

The team won the regular season conference title this past weekend with an overtime win against Maine. After a bye in the first round, they will host a semifinal game in the conference championship tournament on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 p.m. in LaValle Stadium. Head Coach Sue Ryan and the team are looking to repeat as conference champions and return to the NCAA tournament.

Volleyball

First year Head Coach Coley Pawlikowski has guided the volleyball team to a tie for first place. The team will host an important series this weekend against SUNY conference foes Albany and Binghamton. The team hopes to extend their five game winning streak.

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Both teams travel to Binghamton this Saturday, November 2 to defend their respective conference titles from 2012. The women's team has won an unprecedented six consecutive titles, while the men won their first-ever title last year.

Football

The team is in the heart of the CAA conference schedule with a 1-3 record and four conference games remaining. Coming off a tough loss to #22 New Hampshire, Head Coach Chuck Priore will take the team to #10 Maine this weekend to battle the first place Black Bears.

Michael Bamiro ('13) remains on the practice squad for the Philadelphia Eagles and can be seen on the sidelines during NFL games. Fellow teammate and 2013 alumnus Miguel Maysonet was recently cut from the NY Jets practice squad and is hopeful for another NFL opportunity.

Men's and Women's Basketball

Both teams open the season on Friday, November 8 with a doubleheader in the Pritchard Gymnasium. Head Coach Beth O'Boyle looks to continue the ascent of her program after orchestrating one of the best turnarounds in the nation last year. The women will open the doubleheader with a 6:00 p.m. tip off against NJIT. Following the women's contest, Head Coach Steve Pikiell and the men look to defend last year's regular season title with a win in their opening game against Marist. The men's game is expected to start at approximately 8:00 p.m.