

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate

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President

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SUBJECT: President's Report

I. STATE BUDGET

New York State Governor **Andrew M. Cuomo** unveiled his proposed 2016-17 Executive Budget – “Built to Lead” – last month. Areas of the proposed budget with anticipated impact on Stony Brook include:

Higher Education

- **Operating Budget Overview**
 - Support for three SUNY teaching hospitals – Stony Brook, Brooklyn and Syracuse – reduced by \$18.6M and will seek legislative add-on
 - Support for the Long Island State Veterans Home remains flat at \$49.2M
- **Capital Budget Overview**
 - Critical maintenance funds for Stony Brook totals \$21M
 - Adds \$50M to Stony Brook University Hospital
- **Renews NY-SUNY 2020**
 - Tuition-setting authority would remain with the Board of Trustees, with the ability to raise tuition up to \$300 annually
 - BOT shall only raise tuition following a determination that administrative cost savings measures are being taken to mitigate the need for an increase
 - Money may be used only for faculty instruction and student aid
- **\$55M NY-SUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Program**
 - Plans developed in conjunction with the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council (REDC), with approval by the Chancellor and Governor
- **\$18M Investment & Performance Fund**
 - Continuation of last year's effort to drive access, completion and success for students at State-Operated campuses
- **Stony Brook Hospital Escrow Fund**
 - Would accommodate financial operations of Southampton Hospital
- **Educational Opportunity Programs**
 - Funding remains flat at \$28.8M
- **Financial Aid & DREAM Act**
 - Provides \$1B for financial aid

- Adds \$42M primarily to fund DREAM Act – would make students without lawful immigration status eligible for TAP and other State financial assistance programs offered to college students who are NYS residents

Economic Development

- **Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs)**
 - Round 6 of REDC awards announced with \$750M to fund regional priority projects
- **NY Centers of Excellence**
 - Each funded at \$872,333 (eliminates FY16 legislative add-on that raised support to \$1M)
- **NY Centers for Advanced Technology (CAT)**
 - Remains flat at \$13.8M (totals \$920K for Stony Brook)
- **START-UP NY**
 - Adds \$66.5M for advertising and promoting benefits of START-UP NY

Research

- **\$1M Bio-Science Venture Capital Competition**
 - Multi-year venture capital contest focused on selecting the most promising startups and providing funding to support the commercialization of technologies developed within NYS universities and research labs
- **Marine Animal Disease Laboratory**
 - Not funded in Executive Budget but will seek legislative add-on
- **\$50M Nassau Hub**
 - Proposal to build a state-of-the-art bioelectronics research and development facility, a new mixed-use retail and commercial development project at the site of the former Nassau Coliseum
- **New York State Innovation Database**
 - Establishes a database managed by Empire State Development that will make unused university R&D discoveries searchable – connecting discoveries with those who can apply them commercially

Infrastructure Investments

- Proposes \$100B in infrastructure projects affecting NYC/LI Region, which includes \$1B-\$1.5B for a Long Island Rail Road third track

Employment Proposals

- **Minimum Wage**
 - Phased increase to \$15 per hour by 2021
- **Paid Family Leave**
 - Would allow employees to qualify for 12 weeks of paid leave to care for an infant or ill family member

II. ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

Since the public launch of the Campaign for Stony Brook on November 21, 2015, an additional \$5 million has been raised from more than 8,000 donors. The following commitments are recent examples of the tremendous support the Campaign continues to attract:

- \$750,000 to establish the **William and Jane Knapp Endowed Chair in Energy and the Environment** in the College of Engineering and Applied Math
- \$278,000 from **TRITEC Real Estate** for the Stony Brook Children’s Hospital Building Fund
- \$250,000 from **Yashpal P. Arya** for the Bishembarnath & Sheela Mattoo Center for India Studies Endowment
- \$250,000 from the **Pink Tie 1000 Foundation** for the Stony Brook Children’s Hospital Building Fund
- \$100,000 from the **Ironworker Management Progressive Action Cooperative Trust** for the Stony Brook Children’s Hospital Building Fund

III. SPRING ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT

Stony Brook began the spring 2016 semester with a total of 23,701 registered students at the start of Day 1, 549 more than last year at the same point in the term. Compared to Day 1 of spring 2015, the following changes were observed by area:

- +328 West Campus Undergraduates
- +45 Graduate School (includes West Campus, HSC, and Southampton)
- +43 School of Professional Development
- +42 East Campus/HSC
- +132 Southampton

The final enrollment snapshot is scheduled for February 12, although this date may be pushed back due to weather closings.

IV. HEFORSHE AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

I had the pleasure of representing Stony Brook at the World Economic Forum (WEF) last month in Davos, Switzerland during a UN Women event promoting its HeForShe campaign for gender equality. Launched in September 2014 by UN Women, HeForShe created its IMPACT 10x10x10 program to engage 30 key leaders across three sectors – the public sector, private sector and academia – to take bold game-changing action to achieve gender equality within and beyond their institutions. Stony Brook University became a UN Women HeForShe Impact Champion in 2015 and pledged to work both on campus and with the SUNY system on gender equity issues. For more information or to get involved in Stony Brook’s HeForShe initiative, contact heforshe@stonybrook.edu.

V. UNIVERSITY ACCOLADES

Online Nursing Program Makes U.S. News & World Top 10 Rankings

The School of Nursing at Stony Brook University is ranked as 10th nationally for Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs in *US News & World Report*. For the 2016 edition, schools were ranked using five categories – student engagement, faculty credentials and training, peer reputation, student services and technology, and admissions selectivity. Congratulations to **Dean Xippolitos** and her team.

SBU Police Department Receives Reaccreditation

The Stony Brook Police Department, under the direction of **Chief Robert Lenahan**, officially received reaccreditation from the New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Council in December. The Department first received accreditation in 2010. Participation in the accreditation program demonstrates the commitment that the officers have to providing the highest level of service and professionalism to the Stony Brook community. This is a fantastic and well-deserved accomplishment.

VI. JUN LIU NAMED VICE PROVOST FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS AND DEAN OF INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

After a competitive national search, **Dr. Jun Liu** has been selected as the next Vice Provost for Global Affairs and Dean of International Academic Programs and Services at Stony Brook University, effective January 25. Dr. Liu most recently served as the Associate Provost for International Initiatives, Chief International Officer, Director of the Confucius Institute, and a Professor of Applied Linguistics at Georgia State University.

The 2015 recipient of the Governor's Award for an International Education Program, Dr. Liu established a one-stop international center at Georgia State, providing both the physical location and symbolic icon for global activities and synergies connecting the campus, communities, and the world. Under his leadership, Dr. Liu launched five faculty-driven task forces at Georgia State, with a focus on emerging markets in Greater China, Brazil, Korea, South Africa, and Turkey. At Georgia State, he streamlined University-wide resources by providing more funding for faculty doing research abroad and for students studying abroad. He also connected the University with outside communities and government entities, gauging and securing interest and support for creative international programs and projects.

Prior to his work at Georgia State, Dr. Liu spent 13 years as Head of the English Department, Director of the Confucius Institute, and Assistant Vice Provost for Global Engagement at the University of Arizona. Dr. Liu obtained his B.A. in English Language and Literature from Suzhou University in 1981, a M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from East China Normal University in 1989, and a Ph.D. in Second and Foreign Language Education from Ohio State University in 1996.

VII. MELVILLE LIBRARY: EXTENDED HOURS & RENOVATION UPDATE

Last week, **Constantia Constantinou**, Dean of University Libraries and SUNY Distinguished Librarian, announced that our students will now have 24-hour access to the Melville Library Central Reading Room area during the spring and fall semesters from, Sunday 12:00 PM through Thursday at midnight. Friday and Saturday hours remain as follows: Friday 8:30 AM-8:00 PM and Saturday 10:00 AM-10:00 PM. This is an extraordinary opportunity for our students that I was pleased to support along with **Provost Assanis**. I am also pleased to report that renovations to the North Reading Room are moving along well. It is anticipated that this project will be completed on time.

VIII. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: UNDERGRADUATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Nominations are being sought for Stony Brook University's Undergraduate Recognition Awards. Awards for Academic Excellence are given for academic accomplishments that go beyond the classroom experience. Awards for Outstanding Achievement are presented for excellence in activities that relate to the co-curricular life of the University and surrounding community. The University's 34th Undergraduate Excellence and Outstanding Achievement Annual Ceremony will be held on April 25, 2016. This ceremony provides an opportunity to publicly honor the outstanding accomplishments of our undergraduate students and the faculty and staff who mentor them. The deadline for submissions is **February 12, 2016**. For guidelines and eligibility criteria, please visit: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/duc/awards/undergreecog.html>.

IX. 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, February 26**. The grant is designed to encourage faculty to promote diversity through the development of new academic initiatives. Preference will be given to proposals that promote awareness, skills, and knowledge about issues related to race, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, abilities, age and/or religion. 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. Each Mini-Grant recipient will be recognized at the Annual Awards Dinner. The application form, proposal guidelines and a list of previous winning proposals, are available at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/pres/minigrants.html>.

X. UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month Celebration

The Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Black History Month Committee kicked off the University's annual Black History Month celebration with a wonderful opening ceremony on January 27. I had the pleasure of attending this event and listening to three incredibly inspiring individuals: Professor **Sonia Sanchez**, **Dr. John H. Bracey, Jr.**, and **Dr. James E. Smethurst**. The trio edited the book *SOS - Calling All Black People: A Black Arts Movement Reader*. This event marked the beginning of a series of activities that will take place throughout February. For a full listing of events and activities, visit: www.stonybrook.edu/blackhistory.

XI. RECENT EVENTS

40 Under Forty Class of 2016

Stony Brook University honored the members of its second annual *40 Under Forty* class at a celebration on January 26 at The Edison Ballroom in New York City. Selected from a diverse nominee pool of Stony Brook graduates, the honorees represent the University's most creative and bold young professionals in science, technology, engineering, and medicine, as well as business, sports, and the arts. This year's event was fantastic. For information about this year's honorees, visit: www.stonybrook.edu/40under40.

Stony Brook Hosts SUNY University Faculty Senate

Despite impending Winter Storm Jonas, the 172nd Winter Plenary Meeting of the SUNY University Faculty Senate was held January 21-22 at Stony Brook University. The meeting included faculty representatives from all SUNY state-operated campuses. SUNY Board of Trustees **Chairman McCall** presented a keynote speech during a lunch session. Kudos to Stony Brook's event staff for helping Stony Brook's University Senate put on a wonderful event.

Green Dot Comes to Campus Again

The Center for Prevention and Outreach (CPO) hosted a Green Dot Bystander Instructor Workshop from January 12-15. Green Dot prepares organizations and communities to implement a strategy of violence prevention that reduces power-based personal violence, including sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, child abuse, elder abuse, and bullying. This event was open to all faculty and staff, and was sponsored in partnership with SUNY and the NYS Department of Health.

Winter Commencement

Stony Brook celebrated its 18th Winter Commencement on Thursday, December 18 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 2015 and fall 2015 graduates. A total of 1,495 degrees were conferred, including: 777 Bachelor Degrees, 556 Doctoral Degrees, 123 Master Degrees, and 39 Certificates.

XII. ATHLETICS UPDATE¹

Fall Wrap-Up

- **Academics**: Following the conclusion of the fall semester, Stony Brook student-athletes posted an America East Conference grade point average of 3.09. A total of 195 student-athletes earned a GPA of 3.15 or higher, with 95 student-athletes achieving at least a 3.5 GPA.

¹ As of January 25

- **Football**: Senior **Victor Ochi** (Valley Stream, NY) was selected to play in the prestigious East/West Shrine senior game played in Tampa, FL. Players were selected based on their potential to ultimately make an NFL roster. More than 90 players from last year's game signed with professional teams and more than 70 made NFL rosters. Ochi was noticed for his exceptional play during the game and was highlighted as one of three "Top Performers Who Boosted Draft Stock" following the conclusion of the game.

Winter Sports

- **Men's Basketball**: Almost halfway through the conference season, Coach **Steve Pikiell** and the men's basketball team sit atop the conference standings with a 16-4 overall record and 7-0 record in the America East. The team is in the midst of a program-record 12 straight wins including and is undefeated at home in Island federal Credit Union Arena. Senior **Jameel Warney** (Plainfield, NJ) is having an impressive final season and is one of 30 national candidates for the Senior CLASS Award (Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School and recognizing student-athletes who have notable achievements in the community, classroom, character and competition). Warney leads the conference in scoring (18.3/g), rebounding (10.4/g) and blocked shots (3.1).
- **Women's Basketball**: Second year Head Coach **Caroline McCombs** has the team off to an impressive first half of the season with an overall record of 13-7 and 5-2 in the conference. Freshmen **Davion Wingate** (Atlanta, GA) and **Ogechi Anyagalibo** (Miami, FL) have been selected as America East Rookie of the Week a total of nine times so far this season. Anyagalibo broke a conference record with 7 straight selections at one point. Senior **Brittany Snow** (Shamong, NJ) is among conference leaders in several categories, including: 2nd in offensive rebounds (3.4/g), 3rd in minutes played (35.1/g), 5th in field goal percentage (.504), and 7th in scoring (15.4/g).

Spring Sports Preview

- **National Rankings**: Heading into the spring season, three of Stony Brook's teams have earned national recognition in the preseason polls. Women's lacrosse has garnered the most attention with top 10 rankings in three different polls; men's lacrosse earned the #19 spot in the preseason rankings; and baseball was ranked 26th by the *College Baseball* preseason poll.