

Candidate Full Name	Name of Department	Candidate Statement
Wei Zhu	Applied Math & Statistics	I am here to serve our university, and to represent my colleagues so that you are heard.
Yuefan Deng	AMS	As a senior member of the Stony Brook faculty for 30 years, I understand the importance of the university president to a rapidly-growing university in education, research, and outreach. The continuous ascent of Stony Brook, the only university I have served as a faculty member since my Ph.D. in 1989, relies on the university's able leadership whose heart is the university president. I served on several search committees and this time is the closest to my personal well-being. If chosen, I will work diligently and methodically to help identify and select the best president for our college of engineering and applied sciences as well as the entire university.
Richard F. Laskowski	College of Business	For my first ten years at Stony Brook University I served as the Dean of Physical Education and Athletics, and for the next fifteen as a member of the COB faculty. During this time I served under four Presidents: Drs. Marburger, Kenny, Stanley, and now interim President Bernstein. As a result, I believe I have the knowledge and expertise to recognize leadership and recommend the "right" person to be the next President of Stony Brook University.
Samir Das	Computer Science	I have had the opportunity to serve SBU in multiple capacities - regular faculty, graduate program advisor, division director of CEWIT, associate dean of CEAS and currently department chair of Computer Science -- one of the largest departments on campus. These varied experiences give me the exposure to understand the complexities of the President's job and evaluate potential candidates to take over the next phase of the campus leadership.
Karen Chen-Wiegart	Materials Science and Chemical Engineering	Karen is passionate about and committed to Stony Brook University's future and growth in research, education and service to the community, locally and globally. As a tenure-track Assistant Professor, she will bring the perspective of a junior faculty. She holds a Joint Appointment with Brookhaven National Laboratory which will add an additional dimension to the search committee. Karen has recently served on the Provost Search Committee and thus had experiences associated with high-profile university position search. Karen received NSF CAREER award in 2018, is part of two DOE-funded Energy Frontier Research Centers and has industrial funding support for her research.
Esther Arkin	Applied Math and Statistics	
Monica Bugallo	Electrical & Computer Engineering	
David A. Rubenstein	Biomedical Engineering	I am honored to be considered for a position on the presidential search committee. I believe I have a unique perspective for this committee as I have interacted with the university as a high school research fellow, a student and as a faculty. I currently serve as the Graduate Program Director for Biomedical Engineering and will make sure that graduate education, student compensation and recruitment are issues that are considered by our next president. There are many pressing issues our university faces and I will attempt to identify a scholar that understands, balances and has realistic solutions to these issues.
Erez Zadok	Computer Science	In my almost 20 years on the Stony Brook faculty, I've seen too many administration changes: I believe this prevented many from planning for the long term. My hope is to help select a President who would (1) enact bold, long-term policies--and (2) remain here long enough to witness their effects and adjust such policies as needed. An ideal President would also (3) be fiscally responsible, (4) balance the many competing needs of the University fairly and transparently, (5) seek the opinions of and collaborate with all University stakeholders, and all while (6) encourage and reward measurable excellence.

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Clinton Rubin	Biomedical Engineering	Faculty morale is collapsing, and our budget is in tatters. Yet, as even our infrastructure teeters, a strategy forward for our university is missing. We need and deserve a President that is committed to strengthening existing programs on both sides of Nicolls Road. As important as any candidate's vision may be, a realistic plan for its implementation is also critical; how will he/she make our university better, and will it build on the foundations of the great programs we already have, or undermine them? If I serve on the committee, I would seek the candidates' priorities, and a roadmap of how these goals will be achieved.
Richard McKenna	Computer Science	As an undergraduate educator for more than 8000 students I have taught more than 20 courses, have supervised undergraduate research and have been the faculty advisor for the Stony Brook Computing Society for 18 years. Undergrads are my customers, teaching them is endlessly rewarding. On this committee I would hope to ensure our next president understands the irreplaceable role our undergraduate students play in our community. As a New Yorker with a wealth of family and friends here I would also emphasize that our next president will clearly understand that we serve the people of New York first and foremost.
Esther S. Takeuchi	Materials Science and Chemical Engineering	The selection of the next President of Stony Brook University is critically important in enabling the university to reach its potential. Thus, I am interested and willing to contribute to the effort to identify and select the next leader of SBU and wish to serve on the search committee. I have a joint appointment in CEAS (Materials Science) and CAS (Chemistry) and will represent both colleges effectively. As an undergraduate I double majored in Chemistry and History and understand the value of a well-rounded education at the undergraduate level.
Gerrit Wolf	College of Business	Berkeley of the East was the motto the first decades of growth of Stony Brook University. It signified that SBU wanted to be the best public research university in New York and the northeast. We were founded as a response to Sputnik and have strived for decades to use science for not only space travel but other sectors of the environment and market place including health, computing, and energy. I came to SBU to build College of Business with the Berkeley of the East vision. We need a president to lead SBU in applications in all of the sciences that inspires students, faculty and alumni to feel the pride of being the best public university in the East. Just as Berkeley competes with Stanford for academic leader of Silicon Valley, we should compete with Cornell for academic leader of Silicon Alley. The president needs to believe in the faculty and vision. Both are important for success.
Julie Y. Huang	College of Business	I have served on the University Senate for the past 4 years and have seen the lack of shared governance between administration and faculty/staff/students. My primary goal would be to find a president who values SBU as the diverse intellectual/academic, professional, and social community that it is.
Robert Kukta	Mechanical Engineering	Currently serving as CEAS Sr Assoc Dean for Education and Innovation, Vertically Integrated Projects Director, and Global Innovation Field School Director