REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

TO: University Senate

FROM: Michael A. Bernstein, Professor of Business, Economics, and History
Provost and Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs

DATE: Monday, May 7, 2018

Appointment of Shelley Germana as Interim Assistant Provost for Academic Success

Dr. Shelley Germana has been appointed Interim Assistant Provost for Academic Success. In this role, Dr. Germana will oversee multiple areas, including the Undergraduate Colleges, the Finish in Four Initiative and the Finish in Four Fund, and Academic Integrity. Dr. Germana has served as Assistant Dean and Director of the Undergraduate Colleges since 2015. Throughout her time at Stony Brook, Dr. Germana has demonstrated a deep understanding of higher education. She has been very effective in moving the Undergraduate Colleges forward and has played a leadership role in developing Stony Brook's gender equality program required for all students, engaging with the male completion team, and fostering the partnership between academic affairs and student affairs.

Extended Deadline to Apply for the Open Educational Resources Initiative Grant

The Open Educational Resources (OER) Initiative Grant funded by SUNY will award funds ranging from $250 - $2,500 to instructors of record (faculty, instructors, TAs) for the development or integration of Open Educational Resources into their courses. Proposals will be accepted from individual instructors or teams of instructors teaching different sections of the same course. Instructors must commit to using OER materials for three years and only projects that will reduce student textbook costs by 50% or more will be eligible for funding. OERs are teaching and learning materials that are freely available online for everyone to use, whether you are an instructor, student, or self-learner.

The extended deadline to apply for the grant is Thursday, May 31, 2018. Apply to the OER Initiative Grant at http://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/oer/initiative-grant. To access the Library's OER guide, please visit http://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/oer/home. For further questions or assistance regarding Open Educational Resources, please email OER@stonybrook.edu.

Call to Submit Recent Awards to the Faculty Awards Archive

The Office of the Provost is updating its archive of all awards and honors received by Stony Brook faculty. Faculty can record their award information at http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/provost/faculty/awards. Without timely input, the University will be unable to properly acknowledge faculty achievements. Please be advised that

any public recognition of these honors is at the discretion of event organizers. For further questions, please contact Andrei Antonenko at andrei.antonenko@stonybrook.edu.

2018 Provost's Award for Academic Excellence

The Provost's Award for Academic Excellence is given annually to a very select number of graduating seniors who have shown true academic excellence in the classroom, as well as through research, creative activities, and community building. This year, the following 15 students were recognized for their achievements:

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Justin Cheung
Hugo Concha
Kathryn Eckartt
Amna Haider
Olivia Holmes
Haarika Korlipara
Aaron Kuang
Ann Lin
Anne Regina McNulty
Randy Ryan
Eya Setsu
Dhaval Shah
Kevin Shan
Patrick Smith
Torrye Zullo

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IACS Joint Science Meeting to Take Place From May 21-23, 2018

The Joint Science Meeting is the central enabling activity of the partnership between the Tokyo Institute of Technology and Stony Brook University as we pursue our common interests in science, engineering, technology, and especially the education and preparation of students. It is an opportunity for our faculty and students, as well as our external collaborators, to share their knowledge and passion, and to identify and develop new opportunities for collaboration. Participants from Tokyo Institute of Technology, Stony Brook University, Brookhaven National Laboratory, the Northeast region of the United States, and elsewhere in the country will come to SBU to participate in a 3-day workshop to discuss the common threads among the following topics:

- Quantum computing
- Physics: Small and Large Experiments
- Materials Science Condensed matter/chemistry
- HPC/Big data
- Environmental science and/or engineering

The workshop will be held at the Wang Center. To register, please visit http://stonybrook.cvent.com/d/qtqbgt/4W?RefID=JointScienceMeeting