



May 7, 2012

TO: University Senate
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President
SUBJECT: President's Report

I. SBU SET TO CELEBRATE COMMENCEMENT WEEK

Stony Brook will celebrate its 52nd Commencement Ceremony on **Friday, May 18 at 11 a.m. in the Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium** by conferring degrees on those who have completed degree requirements for fall 2011, winter 2012, and spring 2012. The Doctoral Graduation and Hooding Ceremony are scheduled for **Thursday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Staller Center. A Baccalaureate Honors Convocation will also take place on Wednesday, **May 16 at 3:00 p.m.** The ceremony will recognize candidates graduating with distinctions of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude, as well as members of Phi Beta Kappa. As of May 1, a total of 6,372 students (all degrees) had applied for graduation, with slightly more than 3,000 students indicating that they would participate in the Main Commencement Ceremony and Doctoral Hooding Ceremony.

II. VISIT WITH MIDDLE STATES LIAISON SET FOR THIS MONTH

May 24 is the scheduled date for Dr. Tito Guerrero III, the Vice Presidential Liaison from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, to visit Stony Brook to formally discuss the University's strategy for completing its comprehensive Middle States Self-Study. During his visit, Dr. Guerrero will meet with the University President and the Provost, along with representatives from several other governance and stakeholder groups. He will also meet extensively with SBU's Self-Study Planning Committee, which includes: Co-chairs **Daniel Davis**, Professor of Geosciences, and **Charles Robbins**, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education; associate chairs **Tonjanita Johnson**, Chief Deputy to the President, and **Marsha Pollard**, Assistant Provost for Academic Administration; and committee members **Patricia Aceves**, Director of Teaching, Learning and Technology; **Latha Chandran**, School of Medicine, Professor of Pediatrics; **Harbans Dhadwal**, Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering; **Philip Doesschate**, Interim Director of the Office of Institutional Research; **Mark Maloof**, Undergraduate Student Government; **Charilaos Papadopoulos**, Graduate Student Government; **Nancy Squires**, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and **Alan Tucker**, University Senate Representative. Additional information regarding the self-study process will be provided to the campus community on an ongoing basis.

III. **SEARCH UPDATE: VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE/CHIEF BUDGET OFFICER**

The search for the Vice President of Finance and Chief Budget Officer is well underway. After meeting with Brill Neumann Associates to finalize position details, the Search Committee has reviewed applications and, from a strong slate of candidates, has identified nine candidates for interview. Initial interviews will be completed by mid May and finalists will return in June as we complete the selection process. We are delighted by the caliber of candidates and look forward to an excellent outcome to this important search.

IV. **PROJECT 50 FORWARD: OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE UPDATE**

Initiative teams involving Stony Brook faculty and staff are progressing towards delivery of improvements identified under the Operational Excellence element of Project 50 Forward. Highlights include:

- Implementation of an **on-line transfer articulation module and automated degree audit** for academic majors is on schedule. The catalogs and Stony Brook course equivalencies for our three top feeder schools, representing about 50% of our transfer students, have been loaded and work is continuing on the smaller schools. The team has developed degree audits for 89 academic majors/second majors. Twenty-two of these are live in the system and 67 are in various stages of review and approval by academic departments. Enthusiastic participation in, and support for, the project by academic department personnel continues to be the key to achieving our goals to improve student service, student success and administrative efficiency.
- Selection and implementation of an **on-line Applicant Tracking System (ATS)** designed to manage the recruitment process from the creation of a position description to the onboarding of a new hire is on schedule. The team received three responses to a request for proposals (RFP) sent to vendors in April 2012 and is in the process of evaluating them to identify an ATS solution that will best meet Stony Brook's needs. The team anticipates selecting a vendor by mid-May, with implementation to begin shortly thereafter.
- Human Resource Services and the Division of Information Technology have made enhancements to enable the production of **up-to-date organizational charts** using position and reporting relationship data maintained in PeopleSoft. As a result, departments will no longer need to manually create or maintain their own organizational charts. These improvements will also enable the University to more efficiently and effectively track positions and identify savings associated with positions that have remained vacant.

V. **SBU LAUNCHES MEDICINE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN**

Stony Brook Medicine launched an advertising campaign in April that raises awareness of our role in the region. Our new brand is strongly aligned with the University's focus on research and academics and integrates all of our health-care initiatives--including the five health sciences schools, the Hospital, Stony Brook Children's Hospital, and our 35 community-based healthcare locations throughout Suffolk County. The multimedia campaign includes cable television spots, radio spots, print ads in newspapers and magazines, and online ads with video clips.

VI. **ATHLETICS UPDATE**

Men's Lacrosse – The men's lacrosse team won the regular season conference title and will play in the championship game this Saturday, May 5th against Albany. The winner will earn a bid to the NCAA tournament. First-year Head Coach Jim Nagle won Coach of the Year and freshman Mike Rooney was recognized as the Rookie of the Year.

Women's Lacrosse – The women's lacrosse team finished the regular season in second place but has had a phenomenal turnaround under first-year Head Coach Joe Spallina and will battle for the Conference Championship this weekend at Boston University. Conference accolades went to Coach Spallina for Coach of the Year and Junior Claire Peterson for Player of the Year.

Women's Tennis - Head Coach Gary Glassman and the women's tennis team won their first ever conference title last weekend and will head to California next week to play Stanford University in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Freshman Plina Movchan was recognized as the Most Outstanding Player of the Championship for her outstanding play at #2 singles, which helped the team knock off 18-time defending champion Boston University.

The **Softball and Baseball** teams are both, currently, in first place in the conference and hope to earn the right to host the Conference Championship tournaments later this month.