

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate
FROM: Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.
President
DATE: October 7, 2013
SUBJECT: President's Report

I. FALL 2013 ENROLLMENT DATA

The final enrollment snapshot was taken on Tuesday, September 17. Stony Brook reported 24,386 registered students after 15 class days. This figure reflects 157 more students than on last year's snapshot date. The enrollment count shows an increase in the number of West Campus undergraduates, East Campus students and Southampton students. The greatest recorded decrease has been the number of students enrolled in the School of Professional Development. The 2013-2014 freshman class is impressive. More than 30,000 applications were received and just over 2,700 were enrolled when the final snapshot was taken. The median high school GPA of our enrolled freshman class was a 93 and the median SAT score was 1240.

II. STONY BROOK RECEIVES BEST EVER RANKING BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

It was recently announced that Stony Brook University ranks among the top 100 National Universities in America and among the top 40 Public National Universities in the country, according to the 2014 edition of the U.S. News & World Report survey. Stony Brook is ranked 82nd among national universities, which the report defines as universities that "are typically large institutions that focus on research and grant bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees." This is a 10 spot jump from last year's 92nd rank. Stony Brook also ranked 34th in the Top Public National Universities category. These new rankings represent the highest rankings awarded to Stony Brook by U.S. News & World Report in each respective category.

III. TWO STONY BROOK RESEARCHERS TO RECEIVE SUNY RF COLLABORATION FUND AWARDS

Governor Cuomo recently announced that seven wide-ranging research projects involving 10 SUNY campuses will each receive up to \$100,000 from the SUNY Research Collaboration Fund. This fund supports research collaborations among campuses as part of The Power of SUNY, the system's strategic plan. Of these projects, two involve Stony Brook faculty members – Orlando Scharer, PhD, Professor of Pharmacological Sciences and Chemistry, and Joanne Davila, PhD, Professor of Psychology.

Dr. Scharer and researchers at SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering in Albany will provide a basis for identifying cancer patients who will respond well to specific chemotherapeutic regimens, thus promoting personalized medicine for the treatment of ovarian cancer. Dr. Davila, along with researchers at Binghamton University and Upstate Medical University, will collaborate on a basic research project that may lead to the development of novel treatments that target the negative consequences of stress. I applaud Dr. Scharer and Dr. Davila and wish them success in their collaborative research endeavors.

IV. \$2.25M IN FUNDING INITIATIVES FOR HUMANITIES AND UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITIES ANNOUNCED AT STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS

During the 2013 State of the University Address, I proudly announced a \$1M commitment in support of the humanities, social sciences and arts. I cannot emphasize enough how vital these disciplines are at Stony Brook and their significance in helping shape and advance society. I also pledged \$1M in new funding over the next four years to the EOP/AIM program. This program has seen incredible success over the years and truly deserves this boost. In a similar light, I also announced that the University's Turner Fellowship Program will receive \$250,000. For more than 25 years, this program has helped support outstanding graduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds and has produced more minority doctorates than any other SUNY institution.

V. STONY BROOK'S CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND FREEDOM SCHOOL

In my last report, I briefed the Senate on the Children's Defense Fund Freedom School. As you may recall, Stony Brook sponsored this six-week enrichment program for fifty children from the Wyandanch and Longwood Central School Districts that just completed second grade. The program certainly left a positive impression on those involved. I expressed my commitment to fund this program for the next four years during my 2013 State of the University Address. To learn more about this summer's program, I encourage you to visit:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/features-freedom.html>.

VI. WHELAN NAMED VICE PRESIDENT FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Matthew Whelan, Ed.D., was named Vice President for Strategic Initiatives on September 1. Matt reports directly to me and serves as an adviser in the areas of long term policy and strategic initiatives. This is a role in which he will identify institutional priorities, facilitate planning and take the lead in identifying and facilitating cross-functional academic initiatives at Stony Brook. Matt brings a broad-range of higher education experience and leadership to this position. He spent the last 24 years working in key positions in college admissions, financial aid and enrollment management – the last 15 of which have been at Long Island institutions. He joined Stony Brook in 2006 after serving in key positions at St. John's and Hofstra University.

VII. CAMPUS SAFETY UPDATE

The recently published 2013 Annual Security Report is a valuable resource to members of the campus community and highlights the significant commitment the University places on the safety of all individuals who visit our campus. Contained in the report are policies and procedures focusing on the many resources that are available and the protocols in place that make Stony Brook University an extremely safe campus. Also contained in the report are crime statistics for the prior three calendar years. In 2012, the University reported a total of 75 Jeanne Clery Act Reportable crimes compared to 124 for 2011, a nearly 40% reduction. In the burglary category, there were 50 incidents reported in 2012, compared to 98 incidents in 2011, a 49% reduction. These reductions continue a five-year trend of lower reportable crimes overall when compared to 2008. In 2008 there were 229 crimes reported with burglaries accounting for 196. In short, that translates to a five year reduction of 67% in overall crime and 74% in the burglary category.

Consistent with the University's commitment to campus safety, the Office of Access Control has increased the number of closed circuit television cameras and integrated the majority of independent camera systems onto a single platform. The current platform began with 150 cameras and over the last five years has increased to nearly 940 cameras. Additionally, over the same time period, the amount of Lenel electronic card access doors has increased from 750 to 1700 locations. These enhancements to the security camera infrastructure and Lenel card access doors are an important contribution to the overall safety of the campus. The use of these technologies allows our Police Department to continue to provide the most efficient and effective services to the campus community.

VIII. RECENT EVENTS

Wolfstock 2013 and Homecoming Football Game

Approximately 2,500 alumni, students, faculty, staff, neighbors and friends attended Wolfstock 2013 on Saturday, October 5. In addition to enjoying all of the activities associated with this homecoming barbecue celebration, a sellout crowd packed the stadium and cheered the Seawolves on against the Bryant Bulldogs.

State of the University Address

The annual State of the University Address took place on Wednesday, September 25 at the Staller Center Main Stage. I had the pleasure of welcoming new faculty members and administrators to Stony Brook University. If you were unable to attend or view the live broadcast, the text of my speech and the video are available at the following website:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/stateofuniv13/>.

Faculty Honor Wall Dedication

Following the State of the University Address, I had the privilege of honoring some of our most esteemed faculty members at the dedication of the recently installed Faculty Honor Wall. Approximately 250 people celebrated this historic occasion, which included dozens of honorees, institutional leaders, elected officials, students, and staff. Located in the Frank Melville Jr. Memorial Library/Galleria, the Faculty Honor Wall pays tribute to individuals that have garnered the following honors, ranks, and elected memberships: Abel Prize, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Philosophical Society, Fields Medal, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Engineering, National Academy of Sciences, National Inventors Hall of Fame, National Medal of Science, National Medal of Technology and Innovation, Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prize, SUNY Distinguished Professor, and the Royal Society.

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS

University Awards Dinner

Faculty that have earned the prestigious system-level rank of Distinguished Professor and recipients of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence will be recognized at the University Awards Dinner on **October 10 at 6 p.m. in Ballroom A of the Student Activities Center**. For more information, contact the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 632-6320.

Faculty Achievement Dinner

This year's Faculty Achievement Dinner will take place on **November 12 at 6 p.m. at the Old Field Club**. Please join us as we celebrate the professional accomplishments and outstanding works of our distinguished faculty members. Contact the Office of Conferences and Special Events at 632-6320 for more details.

Groundbreaking Set for the Medical and Research Translation (MART)

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Medical and Research Translation (MART) building is scheduled for **Friday, November 22**.

X. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Arena

The Stony Brook Arena renovation is progressing well and remains on schedule to open in fall 2014. Almost all of the 4,000+ seats have been installed, the 5 suites have been framed and the wood court has been put down. Over the next few months, the court will be painted, the video and replay boards will be activated, and the suites will be outfitted. For the latest news on the progress of the arena, visit: <http://www.goseawolves.org/stonybrookarena/>.

Partnership with Champions Radio Announced

Stony Brook Athletics has partnered with Champions Radio, Long Island's first and only sports radio station that provides year-round coverage 24 hours per day. Champions Radio launched in August and simulcasts ESPN radio content. The station will also cover all 2013 Stony Brook football games and a minimum of 18 men's basketball games in 2013-14. The partnership will also include a weekly on-air interview during The Morning Drive show, as well as multiple on-air promotions of upcoming Stony Brook Athletics events that are scheduled to air on the station. Champions Radio is available throughout Suffolk County on 96.9 and 107.1 FM, and online at: ChampionsRadio.com.

Football

Under Head Coach Chuck Priore, the football team opened the season with a resounding 24-0 win over the University of Rhode Island in our first ever conference game as a member of the incredibly competitive Colonial Athletic Conference (CAA). Following a tough 5OT non-conference FBS level loss to the University at Buffalo, the team played two tough games against #22 Villanova University and #2 Towson University. The team entered their Homecoming game against Bryant University eager to get back to their winning ways in front of a sellout crowd.

Two recent alumni are doing well in their professional football careers. Michael Bamiro ('13) was signed to the practice squad for the Philadelphia Eagles. Bamiro's former teammate Miguel Maysonet ('13) recently signed with the San Diego Chargers practice squad.

Men's & Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team is currently in a tie for first place in the conference and ranked 10th in the NSCAA Northeast Region Poll. The team is looking to defend their conference title and return to the NCAA tournament. Men's Soccer is currently 4-4 overall and just started playing conference games.

Men's and Women's Cross Country

Under veteran head coach Andy Ronan, the defending America East champions recently competed against some of the nation's top programs at the Coast-to-Coast Battle hosted by Boston College. The women looked particularly solid, notching a pair of individual top-10 results and placing 6th out of 14 teams. The women's team is currently ranked 8th in the USTFCCCA Northeast Regional Rankings.

Volleyball

Under first year head coach Coley Pawlikowski, the women's volleyball team is looking to make a run at the conference championship tournament. The team played a challenging non-conference schedule and looks forward to the start of playing conference matches.