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TO: University Senate

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President

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SUBJECT: President's Report

I. Budget

Needless to say, we continue to be concerned about the Governor's proposed budget, which was presented in early February and calls for cuts that amount to approximately 30 percent of Stony Brook's direct State support. Since the announcement, many of us have been working aggressively to help State leaders in Albany understand the short- and long-term impact of these disproportionate cuts to the University, the region and all of New York if relief does not come in the form of the restoration of funds or a plan for increased tuition.

In an effort to keep our University community and friends of the institution informed on these budgetary issues, which, without a doubt, will impact our continued growth and viability, the University has developed a "Budget Impact" Web site. This site provides a detailed overview of the proposed cuts and the anticipated impact of proposed reductions on jobs, programs, economic development, etc. It can be accessed at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/budgetimpact>. I encourage you to check the site regularly for updates as it will serve as a central resource for providing detailed information to the University community regarding current budget issues.

II. Project 50 Forward

As part of the Operational Excellence component of our Project 50 Forward Initiative, a diverse slate of individuals was recently approved to serve as members of three initiative design teams. These teams, composed of Stony Brook faculty and staff, will examine opportunities identified in the diagnostic phase and develop detailed solutions to benefit the University such as administrative process improvements and cost savings. The members of each of these newly formed teams were selected to provide broad University representation as well as expertise in the functions being reviewed. The areas currently under review include: Finance and Budget, Human Resources, and

Procurement Systems. For more details, including the list of individuals serving on each of the design teams, go the Project 50 Forward Web site, which can be accessed from a link on the Stony Brook University homepage.

III. University Searches/Appointments

Provost Search

Stony Brook's search for a new Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs is progressing smoothly, and the official announcement for the position has been released. A Web site with details about the position, the application process and the search committee can be found at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/provostsearch/>. I encourage you to visit the site regularly as its content will be updated throughout the search process.

Additionally, search committee co-chairs Dr. David Ferguson and Dr. Nancy Tomes recently announced plans for two "Provostial Search Community Forums", which are scheduled for March 16 and March 23 during the campus life time (12:40- 2:00 p.m.) in Wang Theater. The campus community is invited to meet with members of the committee on these days to share their ideas about factors that should be considered in reviewing applicants for the position.

Chief Information Officer Search

Chris Kielt, Deputy Chief Information Officer at Yale University, has been appointed the new Chief Information Officer at Stony Brook, effective May 2, 2011. During his long tenure at Yale, Kielt developed and led technology projects in facilities, healthcare, student systems, and finance. He holds a B.A. in English from Fairfield University and a M.A. in English Literature from the University of Notre Dame. A native of Freeport, New York and a graduate of Chaminade High School in Mineola, Chris and his wife, Patti, are the parents of two grown sons, Matthew and Michael.

IV. Stars of Stony Brook Gala

Just a reminder that the Stars of Stony Brook Gala is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2011, at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers in New York City. This year's event will honor world-renowned, Academy- and Grammy-Award winning actress Julie Andrews and her daughter, Emma Walton Hamilton, a New York Times best-selling author and esteemed member of the Stony Brook University faculty. Proceeds from this year's Gala will benefit the Stony Brook Long Island Children's Hospital and student scholarships. For special faculty/staff rates, please contact Rosalie Kosonen at (631) 632-7699 or Rosalie.Kosonen@stonybrook.edu.

V. **Athletics Update**

Men's Basketball - With two wins this weekend in the America East Conference Basketball Tournament, Coach Steve Pikiell and the Seawolves will play in the Championship game against Boston University this Saturday in Boston. The game is at noon on Saturday and will be televised live on ESPN2. This will be the third nationally televised basketball game for Stony Brook on the ESPN network this year. The winner of the conference title will get an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. We need the support of the Stony Brook community for the championship game. Tickets are available through the Stony Brook Department of Athletics.

Women's Indoor Track and Field - Senior twin sisters Lucy and Holly Van Dalen (Wanganui, New Zealand) continue their phenomenal year for Stony Brook. After both earned all-America status after finishing 6th and 7th in the NCAA cross country national championships in the fall, Lucy currently has the fastest time in the country in both the mile and the 3000. She has qualified for the NCAA Indoor National Championships in both events at Texas A&M and will compete for the national championship in the 3000. Holly has also qualified for the NCAAs in the 5000.

Men's Lacrosse - Coach Rick Sowell and the men's lacrosse team are currently ranked 7th in the country and are led by the pre-season player of the year in Senior Kevin Crowley (West Bedminster, British Columbia). The team is currently 1-1 with only an overtime 10-9 loss to #1 University of Virginia.