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TO: University Senate

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President

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. UNIVERSITY SEARCHES AND APPOINTMENTS

Vice President for Research

The search committee for the Vice President for Research has begun the process of reviewing applications. The committee, which hopes to begin the interview process in early- to mid-January, has been soliciting feedback from deans and department chairs across campus as it relates to questions that they should ask both candidates and references. For more information about the search process or to provide comments that might be helpful to the committee, please visit the search Web site at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/vpresearch/>.

Vice President for Finance

Initial planning for the search process to identify a new Vice President for Finance is now underway. Vice President for Facilities and Services Barbara Chernow has been asked to serve as chair of the search committee. The Executive Search firm Brill Neumann has been identified to assist with this recruitment and is working with us in developing recruitment strategies. As we complete the selection of search committee members, we have ensured that key stakeholders are represented. Additionally, the search firm will conduct some focus groups to gather information to support this important search.

II. COMMENCEMENT

Stony Brook University will host its December 2011 Commencement ceremony on Thursday, December 22 at 1 p.m. in the main arena of the SBU Sports Complex. At present, a total of 2,297 individuals have been invited to participate in the ceremony as represented by the degrees below:

Bachelors – 1,165

Masters - 730

Doctoral - 202

Certificate recipients – 200

III. PROJECT 50 FORWARD

The most recent update regarding our progress with the Operational Excellence element of Project 50 Forward was sent out to the campus community via email on Tuesday, November 29. In it, I address some of the most common questions and concerns that have been reported to my office recently regarding Operational Excellence and the Bain & Co. consulting project, including: report inquiries; the status of the initiative; the shared service center, and the impact of the NY SUNY2020 legislation, just to name a few. As noted in the update, I have asked the Operational Excellence Program Management Office (PMO) to provide monthly updates to keep the campus community abreast of where we are in our planning, development and delivery of specific initiatives. If you have not had an opportunity to read this latest update, I encourage you to go to the following link: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/50forward/message3.html>. Feel free to submit any feedback that you have regarding the current status of the Initiative via the "Contact Us" link on the Project 50 Forward Website, which can be accessed from the SBU homepage.

IV. SPECIAL EVENTS

SB Southampton to host Annual Windmill Lighting

Stony Brook Southampton will celebrate the holiday season with its annual Windmill Lighting on Friday, December 9, from 5-7 p.m. The Voices of Southampton High School will sing holiday classics as the exterior of the Windmill is lit. Guests are then invited to a reception in Chancellors Hall. The event, which is sponsored by the Stony Brook Southampton Graduate Arts campus and the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS), is free and open to the public. After the Windmill Lighting, SoMAS will present its fall 2011 Public Lecture Series with Tara Rider Zeiss, a lecturer in Stony Brook's Sustainability Studies Program, at 7:30 p.m. in Chancellors Hall.

Stars of Stony Brook Gala Celebrates Pollock's 100th Birthday

This year's Gala kicks off in December at Sotheby's with a one-day preview event for the Pollock Krasner Study Center's year-long celebration of Jackson Pollock's 100th birthday, which includes an exhibition featuring a rare glimpse of works by Pollock in private collections. The celebration continues on April 25 at Pier Sixty with our annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala honoring renowned actor Ed Harris.

V. ATHLETICS

Football Program Enjoys Outstanding Season

We are all proud of the recent accomplishments of the Stony Brook University Football team, having recently won its first outright conference title as well as their first round NCAA game against Albany. The team will play top-seeded Sam Houston State this Saturday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. EST, in Huntsville, Texas and the game will be broadcast live on ESPN3 via the web. Head Football

Coach Chuck Priore, who was the 2009 Big South Coach of the Year, recently received Coach of the Year honors for the second time.

SBU Student-Athletes Receive Player of the Year Honors

Senior outside hitter Alicia Nelson (Apple Valley, Minn.), of the Stony Brook University volleyball team, was recently selected America East Player of the Year. Nelson is the second player in program history to earn the award. Juniors Leo Fernandes (Sao Paulo, Brazil) and Berian Gobiell Cruz (Montreal, Canada) were selected as Midfielder of the Year and Striker of the Year, respectively, for the Men's Soccer team, which also won the America East Conference title and competed in the first round of the NCAA tournament before falling to Monmouth University after double OT and penalty kicks.

Men's Hoops at Madison Square Garden's Holiday Festival

The Stony Brook men's basketball team breaks the school television appearance record with at least 18 broadcasts during the 2011-12 season, including a holiday season game at New York's Madison Square Garden on Saturday, December 17, where the Seawolves will take on Rutgers at 12:00 p.m. Contact the Stony Brook Athletics ticket office at 631-632-Wolf or via www.goseawolves.org to order tickets for this historic game.