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TO: University Senate

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President

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SUBJECT: President's Report

I. AAAS ELECTS EIGHT NEW FELLOWS FROM STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

Eight Stony Brook University scholars were recently elected as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Among the new Fellows from Stony Brook, who were announced on Friday, November 30, are: **Dennis Assanis**, Provost; **Vitaly Citovsky**, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology; **Walter Eanes**, Professor and Chair, Department of Ecology and Evolution; **Lev Ginzburg**, Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolution; **Rolf Sternglanz**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology; **Kenneth Takeuchi**, Distinguished Teaching Professor, Department of Chemistry; **Jin Wang**, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry; and **Stanislaus Wong**, Professor, Department of Chemistry. These individuals will be honored for their contributions to science and engineering at the Fellows Forum on February 16, 2013, which will be held the AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston. This new class of honorees from Stony Brook joins 28 other Stony Brook University faculty members who have been elected as AAAS Fellows.

II. APPLICATIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL MINI-GRANTS FOR DIVERSITY AVAILABLE

The President's Office is now accepting proposals for the **Presidential Mini-Grants for Departmental Diversity Initiatives**. The grant is designed to encourage faculty to promote diversity through the development of new academic initiatives. Preferences will be given to proposals that promote awareness, skills, and knowledge about issues related to race, gender, ethnicity, abilities, age and/or religion. Drawing on a total pool of \$30,000, the award amount granted will be determined by the number of grants selected and approved for funding. Each Mini-Grant recipient will be recognized at the Annual University Awards Dinner. The deadline for applications is **Friday, February 22, 2013**. Proposal guidelines, the application form and a list of previous winning proposals can be found online at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/pres/minigrants.html>.

III. SBU HARDSHIP FUND EXPANDED TO INCLUDE STUDENTS

I would like to extend my thanks to our faculty, staff and students for their continued support of the members of our University community who were impacted by Super Storm Sandy and winter storm Athena. In response to the significant loss experienced by so many members of the University community as a result of the recent storms, the Hardship Fund, which was originally

established through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), is now open to student applicants. As the requests for funds have increased in recent weeks, individuals and groups from across the campus have stepped up to the plate by giving financial contributions in support of the Hardship Fund; donating clothing, food and other necessary household items; and volunteering their time to help expedite the processing of applications. Since the Hardship Fund was not created as a natural disaster relief fund, we have been especially grateful for your recent financial contributions, which not only allow us to help those in need after the storm but also maintain resources for the ongoing benefit of those within our community who experience significant financial hardships due to other sudden or unexpected events that might occur. For more information about donating to the Hardship Fund or applying for resources, visit the EAP Web site or call the EAP Office at 631-632-6085.

IV. **UPDATES ON CURRENT SENIOR-LEVEL SEARCHES**

CIO Search

The University has selected **Korn/Ferry International** to assist in its search for the next Chief Information Office (CIO). Representatives with the firm have been communicating with search committee chair **Dr. Craig Lehmann**, Dean of the School of Health Technology and Management, on the initial planning for the search process and are expected to meet with the full committee in mid-December. Along with Dr. Lehmann, other members of the search committee include: **Susan Brennan**, Professor, Department of Psychology; **Lyle Gomes**, Vice President for Finance; **Ben Hsiao**, Vice President for Research; **Tonjanita Johnson**, Chief Deputy to the President; **Arie Kaufman**, Distinguished Professor and Chair, Computer Science; **Laszlo Mihaly**, Chair, Department of Physics and Astronomy; **Luz Marina Reyes**, Student; **Jennifer Rossler**, Manager of Recruitment, Human Resource Services; **Vasily Safin**, Student; **Margaret Schedel**, Music Department/University Senate; **Matthew Whelan**, Associate Provost for Retention and Enrollment Management; **Tom Schlagel**, Brookhaven National Lab (BNL) Division of IT; and **Keri Hollander**, Director, Grants and Program Outcomes Clinical Informatics, SON. We will continue to provide updates as the search progresses.

Vice President for Strategic Initiatives

A search committee, chaired by **Vice President for Student Affairs Peter Baigent**, has been charged and is preparing to review applications for the new position of **Vice President for Strategic Initiatives**. The position has been formally announced both internally and externally, and the deadline for applications has been set for December 14. A detailed position description is available on the SBU Human Resource Services Web site. Members of the University community are encouraged to apply or nominate qualified candidates for the position. Updates regarding the status of this search will be communicated at various stages throughout the search process.

V. **SBU TO FEATURE TWO CEREMONIES FOR DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT**

Due to current renovations to the Stony Brook Arena, the University will conduct its **Winter Commencement on December 21** in two ceremonies in the Pritchard Gymnasium. The first ceremony will begin at **10 a.m.** for graduates in the College of Arts and Sciences. The second is scheduled for **2 p.m.** and will include graduates from all other schools and colleges. The ceremony will confer bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees for Summer 2012, Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 graduates. A live Web cast of December Commencement will be available via SBU's home page for both ceremonies.

VI. UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Windmill Lighting and SOMAS Lecture Planned at Southampton

Stony Brook Southampton will celebrate the holiday season with its annual **Windmill Lighting** on **Friday, December 7, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** The Voices of Southampton High School will sing holiday classics as the exterior of the Windmill is lit. A reception will follow in Chancellors Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Individuals planning to attend should RSVP to Laura.Lyons@stonybrook.edu. Following the Windmill Lighting, the **School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences** will host a lecture, "Shifts Happen: How Will Climate Change Affect Fish and Fisheries?" by Stony Brook's **Janet A. Nye**. The lecture will be held at **7:30 p.m.** in **Duke Lecture Hall**.

VII. RECENT EVENTS

Simons Chair of Medicine Investiture

On November 16, the University recognized physician-scientist and cancer researcher **Vincent Yang, M.D., Ph.D.**, during the University's inaugural investiture ceremony, where Dr. Yang was formally installed as the first Simons Chair of Medicine. The ceremony marks the beginning of a new tradition at Stony Brook that recognizes newly endowed professors and chairs and the generosity of the benefactors that endow these esteemed academic positions. **Dr. Jim Simons** was on hand for the ceremony, which took place in the Wang Center Theater.

Distinguished Alumni Recognized

The Stony Brook University Alumni Association honored five Stony Brook University graduates and two philanthropists on November 13 at the **2012 Distinguished Alumni Awards** ceremony and reception held at Flowerfield in St. James. The honorees included: **Vito A. Cannavo** (BA '75); **David Gelernter** (MS '80, Ph.D. '83); **Suzanne Johnson** (Ph.D. '74); **Joseph L. Tromba** (BS '77); and **Andrez S. Carberry** (BA '00, MA '02). The Alumni Association also honored **Robert and Lisa Lourie** with the inaugural "Distinguished Service Award" for their philanthropy to the University. Robert Lourie, Ph.D., is head of Futures Research at Renaissance Technologies and Lisa is owner and president of Spy Coast Farm. The Louries' generous \$2.5 million gift to Stony Brook's Center for Pediatric MS, now the Lourie Center for Pediatric MS, was matched by The Simons Challenge Grant, bringing the total investment in Stony Brook Medicine to \$5 million. The event was emceed by **Craig Allen** (BS '79), WCBS 880 radio meteorologist and a Stony Brook University Distinguished Alumnus.

VIII. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Maysonet Named One of Three Finalists for the Walter Payton Award

Stony Brook University senior running back **Miguel Maysonet** is a finalist for the Walter Payton Award. The first SBU player to be nominated for the award, which is given to the most outstanding player in FCS, Maysonet will join Old Dominion's Taylor Heinicke and Wofford's Eric Breitenstein for the presentation at the FCS Awards Banquet in Philadelphia on December 17. The all-time leading rusher in Stony Brook and Big South history, Maysonet, also the Big South Offensive Player of the Year, has 1,881 yards and 21 touchdowns through 12 games this season. He joins former standout Brock Jackolski as the only players in conference history to total at least 20 touchdowns in a season. Maysonet has nine games of at least 100 rushing yards and two contests of 200 yards, including a career-best 233 yards in a 27-21 win at Coastal Carolina.

Football--With a 10-2 record and a current #11 national ranking, Coach Priore and the Football team travel to #2 Montana State (10-1) to play in the second round of the NCAA FCS

Championship this Saturday at 7 p.m. EST on ESPN3. Behind the success of running backs Miguel Maysonet (Walter Payton Award finalist) and Marcus Coker, combined with the passing efforts of receiver Kevin Norrell and QB Kyle Essington, the football team is in the final stretch of an impressive run toward a national championship.

Men's Basketball - Coach Steve Pikiell has the men's basketball team off to a 5-2 start following their 76-53 win over Cornell on Wednesday. With that victory, Coach Pikiell earned his 100th career win at Stony Brook. Freshman Jameel Warney has earned recognition as the America East Rookie of the Week in two of the first three opportunities so far this season.

Women's Basketball - Behind second year head coach Beth O'Boyle, the women's basketball team is off to their best start since the 2005-06 season, with a 3-2 record.