

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate

FROM: Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.
President

DATE: February 5, 2018

SUBJECT: President's Report

I. DEPARTURES AND APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Craig Lehmann, Dean of the School of Health Technology and Management (SHTM), has stepped down as dean and will return to the Southampton campus following a sabbatical. We are grateful for Dr. Lehmann's extraordinary service as a dean, researcher and respected member of the faculty. Among other professional achievements, during his tenure at Stony Brook University, Dr. Lehmann has received the State University of New York's highly coveted Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching, and the Provost's Award for Exceptional Service to Undergraduate Education. He also received Stony Brook University's "Student Life Award" for model school leadership and engagement in holistic student development. **Dr. Carlos Vidal** has been appointed Interim Dean while a search is conducted for a permanent appointment.

Dr. Richard "Rick" J. Gatteau, Associate Provost for Academic Success in the Division of Undergraduate Education and Faculty Director of the Higher Education Administration Program, will serve as Interim VP and Dean of Students. Currently in his 25th year working in higher education, Rick earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Bucknell University and his master's degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs from the University of Vermont. He completed his PhD in Educational Leadership and Administration at Fordham University, where his doctoral dissertation research focused on female presidential leadership at selective higher education institutions.

His career includes working in residential life and academic advising capacities. As Associate Provost, he is responsible for supporting the University's retention and graduation efforts, and works closely with new student orientation, academic advising, tutoring, and other offices that support students' academic success. As part of the Higher

Education Administration master's program, Rick teaches Foundations of Higher Education Administration, Advising and Counseling in Higher Education, and Project Seminar.

As **Bob Megna** transitions into his full time role as Chief Operating Officer for SUNY Central Administration, we have identified a firm that will conduct the search for the University's Sr. Vice President for Finance and Administration. The search committee will be co-chaired by Dexter Bailey, Sr. Vice President for University Advancement, and Melissa Woo, Sr. Vice President for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer. On a temporary basis, the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Budget continues to be led by **Lyle Gomes**, Vice President for Finance & Chief Budget Officer, with **Matthew Whelan**, Ed.D., Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, overseeing the Facilities and Services unit along with Environmental Health and Safety, Campus Operations and the University Police Department.

II. CAMPAIGN FOR STONY BROOK UPDATE/GRANTS

The Campaign for Stony Brook has secured an additional \$9.9 million in gifts and pledges since the University Senate last met. The new total of \$575 million in support has come from more than 46,030 donors to date.

The following commitments are recent examples of the tremendous impact campaign donors continue to have on our campus:

- \$1,250,000 for Stony Brook Children's Hospital
- \$1,000,000 for research on tick-borne diseases
- \$810,000 for the treatment of inflammatory breast cancer and a Cancer Center patient education program
- \$500,000 toward an endowed professorship in Chemistry
- \$500,000 for the Global Health Institute
- \$500,000 for the Turkana Basin Institute
- \$244,400 for Centre ValBio

III. SPRING 2018 ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT

A total of 24,542 students were registered at the beginning of Day 1 in spring 2018, 79 more than last year at the same point in the term. Compared to spring 2017, the following changes were observed by area:

- +152 West Campus undergraduates
- +22 Graduate School (West Campus, HSC, Southampton)
- -199 School of Professional Development
- +67 East Campus/HSC
- +0 Southampton location

The final enrollment snapshot is scheduled for February 9, 2018

IV. STONY BROOK NAMED A “BEST COLLEGE VALUE” BY KIPLINGER

Stony Brook University has again been named to Kiplinger’s Personal Finance 300 Best College Values for 2018. The University earned the #32 spot on the magazine’s list of 100 best values in public colleges.

V. FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT ACCOLADES

- The College of Engineering and Applied Sciences has been awarded \$1 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Energy’s Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E). Led by **Professor Ya Wang**, the funding will be used to develop an inventive occupancy sensing solution for residential homes.
- **Maria Anaya and Wilson Nieves** were recently named URECA Researchers of the Month. They began their Stony Brook research experiences as participants in I-STEM’s BioPREP program as well as the NIH-funded Initiative for Maximizing Student Development: Maximizing Excellence in Research for Graduate Education Program administered through the Center for Inclusive Education. **Professor Zohar Komargodski**, of the Simons Center for Geometry and Physics, will be awarded the **2018 Sackler Prize in the Physical Sciences** for his research in probing Quantum Field Theory.
- As one of the world’s foremost experts on lemurs and a leading figure for conservation in Madagascar, Stony Brook University Distinguished Professor of

Anthropology **Patricia Wright** has been named a Natural World Hero by the wildlife travel service, Natural World Safaris.

- **Arie Kaufman**, PhD, Distinguished Professor of Computer Science, and **Clinton Rubin**, PhD, Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at Stony Brook University have been elected as Fellows of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI).

- **SATELLITE EMERGENCY ROOM IN EAST HAMPTON**

- The East Hampton Town Board approved, in a unanimous 5-0 vote, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital to lease a 4.5-acre property to build a satellite emergency room. The facility will be used to stabilize and assess patients, increasing access to care to communities on the East End, who would sometimes have to travel more than an hour to receive care at Southampton Village hospital.

- **RECENT EVENTS**

- Stony Brook University's **40 Under 40** event was recently held to honor some of SBU's most accomplished young alumni who are making significant contributions to their professions and communities. The honorees represented Stony Brook University's diverse alumni, enriching their professional fields in science, technology, advocacy, and medicine, as well as arts, business, and sports.
- **Fotis Sotiropoulos**, Dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, along with an interdisciplinary team from CEAS, represented Stony Brook University at the first **Cheeloo Conference on Computational Medicine and Big Data** in Jinan, China — a global US-China research partnership between the University and other partners, and the Jinan Supercomputer Center. The conference was organized by **Professor Yuefan Deng** from the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics, together with colleagues from across CEAS.

- **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- The Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Black History Month Committee kicked off the annual **Black History Month celebration** with a wonderful opening ceremony on January 31. For a full listing of events and activities, visit: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/bhm/>.

- The **Annual Service Awards Luncheon will take place on Tuesday, March 6, 2018** at Student Activities Center (by invitation), recognizing 16/17 service milestones including:
 - 50 Years | 6 Awardees
 - 45 Years | 4 Awardees
 - 40 Years | 15 Awardees
 - 35 Years | 57 Awardees
 - 30 Years | 130 Awardees
 - 25 Years | 131 Awardees

- The University's Thirty-Sixth **Undergraduate Excellence and Outstanding Achievement Annual Ceremony** will be held on **April 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Student Activities Center Auditorium. Nominations, recognizing excellence among our undergraduate students in the categories of Academic Excellence and Outstanding Achievement, are due no later than Wednesday, February 7.

- **ATHLETICS UPDATE**
 - Stony Brook finished 42nd in the Fall standings of the Learfield Directors' Cup, which serves as a ranking of athletic programs for their success across all sports. Propelled by strong seasons for Football, Women's Soccer, Volleyball and Men's Cross Country, Stony Brook finished ahead of such schools as Ole Miss, Purdue, Maryland, Texas A&M and Ohio State.

 - Women's Lacrosse is ranked No. 2 in all preseason polls, giving the Seawolves the highest ranking of any team in school history. Stony Brook is just behind No. 1 Maryland and ahead of North Carolina (No. 3), Penn State (No. 4) and Florida (No. 5). LaValle Stadium will host the NCAA Division I Women's Lacrosse Championship in May.

 - Football completed one of the most successful seasons in program history, ending the year with a record of 10-3 and a No. 11 ranking. The Seawolves will open the 2018 season at Air Force on September 1.

 - Men's Lacrosse was selected as the No. 2 team in the preseason America East poll and will open the season at home against Sacred Heart on February 10.

- Men's Basketball honored the 1977-78 Division III Final Four team at its game on Saturday night against Hartford. The team wore special throwback uniforms patterned after those worn by the 1977-78 team.