

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stony Brook Foundation

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

DATE: March 27, 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.

Bob Megna has transitioned to his full time role as Chief Operating Officer for SUNY Central Administration, and we have begun the search for his successor. The search committee is 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 is led by **Lyle Gomes**, Vice President for Finance & Chief Budget Officer, while **Matthew Whelan**, Ed.D, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, is overseeing the Facilities and Services unit along with Environmental Health and Safety, Campus Operations and the University Police Department.

Dr. Paul Shepson has been named the **new Dean of the School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (SoMAS)**. Shepson comes to Stony Brook from Purdue University, where he is currently a distinguished professor of Chemistry and of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences. His research focuses on issues related to the exchange of gases between the Earth's surface and the atmosphere in various settings, ranging from the Arctic and coastal marine environments to forests and urban environments. The author and co-author of over 215 scientific publications, Shepson is a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 2015, he received the American Chemical Society Award for Creative Advances in Environmental Science and Technology. His distinguished career in the field of atmospheric sciences and his passion for understanding and communicating about climate change and its impacts and related constructive problem-solving will be instrumental in elevating the already distinguished School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences to greater heights. His tenure as the SoMAS Dean is planned to begin July 2.

Dr. Hal Skopicki has been named Chief of Cardiology in the Department of Medicine and Deputy Director of Operations in the Stony Brook University Heart Institute. Originally from Roslyn, NY, Dr. Skopicki received a dual medical degree and Ph.D. from the Chicago Medical School and Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science and was later honored with their distinguished alumnus award in 2007. He performed his residency in internal medicine at Yale-New Haven Hospital and completed a clinical cardiology fellowship and post-doctoral fellowship in molecular cardiology at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Following a competitive national search, **Samir Das**, previously Associate Dean for Research for the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, has been appointed Chair of the Department of Computer Science. Professor Das was named interim chair of the Department in August 2017. Previously, he was a division director in the Center of

Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology (CEWIT) as well as the graduate advisor in the Computer Science Department.

II. FINAL SPRING 2018 ENROLLMENT SNAPSHOT

A total of 24,693 students were registered at the beginning of Day 15 in Spring 2018, 159 more than last year at the same point in the term.

Compared to spring 2017, the following changes were observed by area:

- +193 West Campus undergraduates
- +52 Graduate School (West, HSC, Southampton)
- 153 School of Professional Development
- +78 East Campus/HSC
- 5 Southampton location

III. 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.

IV. NAFSA RECOGNIZES SBU FOR EXCELLENCE IN CAMPUS INTERNATIONALIZATION

Stony Brook University has been awarded a prestigious 2018 Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization by [NAFSA: Association of International Educators](#). Named after the late Senator Paul Simon of Illinois, the award recognizes outstanding innovation and accomplishment in integrating international education throughout all facets of university and college campuses. The Comprehensive Internationalization Award is granted to a limited number of institutions each year, and Stony Brook is one of only five recipients in 2018.

V. STONY BROOK JOINS UNIVERSITY CLIMATE CHANGE COALITION

President Samuel L. Stanley Jr. participated in the launch of a multi-university coalition to fight climate change at the **2018 Higher Education Climate Change Leadership Summit** on Tuesday, February 6. The **University Climate Change Coalition**, also known as UC3, is made up of 13 research universities from across North America, including the California Institute of Technology, the University of Toronto and UNAM in Mexico City. The coalition seeks to coordinate with policy makers to bring about environmentally-beneficial programs. President Stanley represented **Chancellor Kristina Johnson** and the SUNY system at the conference and served as a featured speaker during the closing keynote panel.

VI. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE LAUNCHES THREE-YEAR MD PROGRAM

Stony Brook University School of Medicine has created a new medical training curriculum that enables students to complete their MD degree in three years instead of the traditional four years. The new MD program is the first of its kind on Long Island and only the second one in New York State. The three-year program would graduate MDs sooner and help fill the national physician shortage more quickly, and the shorter termed program would help reduce significant student debt from tuition costs. The Stony Brook program will begin in July 2018, before the start of the 2018-19 academic year.

VII. INSTITUTE OF GAS INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY (I-GIT) INTRODUCED

Stony Brook University and National Grid have recently formed and introduced the **Institute of Gas Innovation and Technology (I-GIT)**. I-GIT is a consortium of industry and academic leaders and will serve as an independent reviewer of gas technologies and related policies, focused on key areas including gas-supply diversification, safety, resiliency and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as Big Data management related to natural gas systems. The Institute is housed at the [Advanced Energy Research & Technology Center](#), a New York State-designated Center of Excellence located in Stony Brook's Research and Development Park, and is expected to be a home for the hands-on implementation of innovative ideas for the development of the world's next generation of clean-energy resources.

VIII. ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP IN TAMIL LANGUAGE CREATED

Bala and Prabha Swaminathan have funded the creation of the **Anandavalli and Dr. G. Swaminathan Endowed Research Professorship in Tamil** at Stony Brook University. The 2,000-year-old Tamil language — nearly as old as Hebrew — is spoken by more than 70 million people in a diaspora that has its main origins in India, Sri Lanka and Singapore, where it is among the official languages. Stony Brook will be one of a small number of colleges and universities to offer students the opportunity to study Tamil.

IX. 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).
- **Jarrold French**, an assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry & Cell Biology and Department of Chemistry at Stony Brook, has been named a **Cottrell Scholar by the Research Corporation for Science Advancement**. Cottrell Scholars are recognized for their innovative research plans and education programs. Professor French was chosen for his research proposal, "Structural Dynamics of Photoactive Proteins and Crowdsourcing Structural Biology." The award, given this year to 24 top early-career academic scientists, includes a \$100,000 grant for each recipient.
- **Michele Bogart**, a professor in the Department of Art at Stony Brook University, has been named to the **2017-18 Society of Fellows at the Norman Rockwell Museum's Center for American Visual Studies**, the nation's first research institute dedicated to exploring the history and criticism of American illustration art to more fully develop the language and discourse of an academic discipline devoted to published art. Professor Bogart has taught art history and American visual culture studies at Stony Brook University since 1982.
- **Dr. Peter Small**, the founding director of Stony Brook's **Global Health Institute** and the **Jim and Robin Herrnstein Chair**, was recently selected as one of seven members of the inaugural class of **Rockefeller Foundation Fellows**. As a Fellow, he will receive two years of support for an independent project that seeks to better the lives of others and the world.

- Stony Brook University ecologist **Heather Lynch** and colleagues from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) announced the **discovery of a previously unknown “supercolony”** of more than 1,500,000 Adélie Penguins in the Danger Islands, a chain of remote, rocky islands off of the Antarctic Peninsula’s northern tip. This is the largest population of Adélie penguins on the Antarctic Peninsula.

X. RECENT EVENTS

The **Black History Month Closing Ceremony** occurred on Wednesday, February 28, featuring keynote speaker Ilyasah Shabazz, daughter of Malcolm X and author of *Growing Up X*.

The Grand Opening of the **LGBTQ* Center** occurred on Friday, March 2, 2018. The new, custom-designed center will be home to LGBTQ* Services, providing a hub for community building, information, support, and resources for the Stony Brook University LGBTQ* communities.

The **Service Awards Ceremony** was held on Tuesday, March 6, celebrating employees marking 25 years or more of service at Stony Brook University. For the first time in its history, the Service Awards recognized six honorees who were celebrating more than 50 years of service.

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS

The **19th Annual Stars of Stony Brook Gala** will take place on **April 11, 2018** at Pier Sixty at **Chelsea Piers, New York City**. This year's Gala will honor **Dorothy Lichtenstein**, President, Roy Lichtenstein Foundation and Stony Brook Foundation Board Trustee, and will celebrate our Stony Brook Southampton Creative Writing and Film programs.

XII. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Women's Lacrosse is ranked No. 1 in all major polls and is the **first Stony Brook team in history** to achieve that ranking. The team is off to a 7-0 start.

Stony Brook student-athletes had another strong semester in the classroom, achieving a **cumulative GPA of 3.16:**

- 11 student-athletes achieved a 4.0
- 111 student-athletes achieved between 3.5-3.99
- 155 student-athletes achieved between 3.0-3.49