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TO: University Senate

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SUBJECT: President's Report

I. ENROLLMENT PHASE-IN AND DATA FOR FALL 2011:

Stony Brook began the fall 2011 semester with 23,469 students, 447 less than last year. Day five (5) enrollment numbers, which were reported on September 7, came in at 23,886 students. These figures reflect the University's planned reduction of incoming new undergraduate students, with an increased focus on student quality. Graduate student enrollment did show an increase of 234 students on day five, which is a result of the institution's focus on increasing the number of master's students.

Student counts will be updated every five class days until the enrollment snapshot is taken at the close of business on September 20. At that point, we will be able to provide final enrollment numbers as well as a more accurate profile of our 2011-12 freshman class.

II. NY SUNY 2020 UPDATE

Over the summer, the New York State Legislature and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo passed the NY SUNY 2020 legislation, which provides for the enactment of a rational tuition plan for the State University of New York and the implementation of the NY SUNY 2020 Challenge Grant Program – a joint program between the Governor and the State University of New York (SUNY) that will incentivize long-term economic development plans on SUNY campuses and the surrounding communities. Phase one of the program is worth up to \$140 million to the four SUNY University Centers, which include Stony Brook. The Program will initially consist of \$35 million in capital funding per school (\$20 million administered by Empire State Development Corporation and \$15 million from SUNY's construction fund) for the four SUNY University Centers.

Stony Brook's NY SUNY 2020 Challenge Grant application has been submitted and is awaiting approval by the Governor, which is expected soon. Included in the application are plans to: build a new translational medical research building; hire additional faculty and staff; and, launch economic development partnerships with industry in the Long Island region. It would also give Stony Brook the ability to implement a predictable tuition program that will protect families from runaway tuition hikes and, at the same time, increase financial assistance for eligible students from families with an income of \$75,000 or less.

The passage of NY SUNY 2020 marked a historic moment for Stony Brook and other SUNY institutions because, for the first time in recent memory, we will be able to plan for the future and better position ourselves to invest in our mission of education, research, and discovery, all of which will play an important role in the economic recovery of Long Island.

III. UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENT/SEARCHES

Provost Appointment

On August 3, after a very successful national search, I announced the appointment of Dr. Dennis Assanis as our new Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Assanis, who will also serve as Vice President for Brookhaven Affairs, will officially join the University on October 3. A distinguished scholar, teacher and leader, Dennis is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and most recently served as the Jon R. and Beverly S. Holt Professor of Engineering and Arthur F. Thurnau Professor at the University of Michigan, as well as Director of the Michigan Memorial Phoenix Energy Institute, Founding Director of the US-China Clean Energy Research Center for Clean Vehicles and Director of the Walter E. Lay Automotive Laboratory. He has a bachelor's degree in Marine Engineering from Newcastle University, England and holds four graduate degrees from MIT, including master's degrees in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Management and a Ph.D. in Power and Propulsion.

Vice President for Research

With the recent retirement and passing of **Dr. Jack Marburger**, we will begin a national search for a new Vice President for Research. I have asked **Dr. Bob Haltiwanger**, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology, to lead the search committee. The remaining members of the committee are in the process of being assembled and we hope to have the first meeting before the end of this month.

Vice President for Finance

On August 26, I announced the resignation of Mrs. Karol Kain Gray, who has served Stony Brook for the past five years as our Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer. Karol, who joined SBU in 1978, recently accepted an appointment as the new Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her resignation takes effect on October 31. Discussions regarding a search for her replacement are underway, and additional information will be provided as plans are solidified.

IV. MARBURGER MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

On **Friday, September 16**, SBU faculty, staff, students and the community at large are invited to join me in a special memorial tribute to **Dr. Jack Marburger**, who most recently served as Stony Brook's Vice President for Research. An esteemed scientist, beloved gentleman, and visionary leader, Dr. Marburger successfully shepherded three vital institutions—Stony Brook University, Brookhaven National Laboratory, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. The memorial celebration will take place in the Staller Center for the Arts at 3:30 p.m. A reception will follow the event at the Charles B. Wang Center.

V. UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION/TOLL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

The University Community is invited to our Annual University Convocation on **Wednesday, September 21, at 4 p.m., in the Staller Center, Main Stage**. This year's convocation will include a special memorial tribute to **Dr. John Sampson Toll**, the second president of Stony Brook University. Among those expected to be in attendance are President Toll's wife, Deborah Taintor Toll, and former Stony Brook University President Shirley Kenny. A welcome reception for new faculty and administrators will take place immediately following the Convocation in the Wang Center.

VI. RECENT SBU HONORS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SBU's Ben Luft Featured on 60 Minutes

Last night, in remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the news program "60 Minutes" featured "CBS Evening News" anchor Scott Pelley's report on Stony Brook University Professor **Dr. Benjamin Luft's oral history project, "Remembering 911"**, which documents the experiences of 9/11 first responders in their own words. The first responders interviewed in the television program are currently being followed in the WTC Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program (WTCMMTP) at Stony Brook under Dr. Luft, and took part in the oral history project. During the interview with Pelley, the responders recalled their emotional and chilling experiences during the attack, and in the aftermath. The segment also featured Pelley's one-on-one interview with Dr. Luft, the Edmund D. Pellegrino Professor of Medicine at Stony Brook University School of Medicine, and Medical Director of the

WTC Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program at Stony Brook. Dr. Luft and colleagues have cared for approximately 6,000 9/11 responders, including police officers, firefighters, paramedics, and construction workers since immediately after 9/11.

SBU Advanced Energy Team Wins “R&D 100” Award

A team headed by Dr. Lei Zuo, Assistant Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering working through the Advanced Energy Technology & Research Center recently won a prestigious “R&D” Research Award, dubbed the “Oscar of Invention”, for the development of an energy-harvesting shock absorber that converts vibration, bumps, and motion experienced by the suspension of a vehicle or train into electric power. R&D Magazine’s annual R&D 100 Awards recognize the 100 most technologically significant product innovations developed throughout the world and introduced into the marketplace over the previous year. The awards have long been a benchmark of excellence known to industry, government, and academia as proof that the product is one of the most ground-breaking of the year.

Stony Brook Physician Named One of 10 National Fellows

Dr. Allen Jeremias, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine at Stony Brook University School of Medicine and Director of Vascular Medicine and Peripheral Intervention for the Stony Brook University Heart Center, was recently named one of 10 national fellows for the inaugural Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI) Emerging Leader Mentorship (ELM) Program. Dr. Jeremias, who is also Director of the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit and Cardiac Acute Care Unit at SBUMC, was the only New York physician selected for this prestigious national honor.

SBU Professor Receives Top International Award In Virology

Dr. Eckard Wimmer, Distinguished University Professor, Department of Molecular Genetics & Microbiology, Stony Brook University School of Medicine, and internationally recognized for his poliovirus genome research, recently received the M.W. Beijerinck Virology Prize by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. The prestigious international award is given every three years to recognize outstanding achievement by a virologist. The award is in recognition of Dr. Wimmer’s contributions to the RNA virology field and his lifelong work on poliovirus. Dr. Wimmer has been a faculty member at Stony Brook since 1974.

SBU Hospital Named among the most Beautiful

Stony Brook University Hospital was recently named as one of America’s Most Beautiful Hospitals, ranking third in a list of 50 healthcare facilities around the country. Soliant Health, a leading specialty healthcare provider, developed the contest and released the results in July of the 20 Most Beautiful Hospitals for 2011.

The contest, in its third year, initially received more than 250 nominations. A panel of experts then reviewed each healthcare institution and picked 50 top entries based on measures such as architectural style, photogenic properties, landscaping and distinctiveness. More than 70,000 visitors to Soliant.com cast votes for the most beautiful hospital among those 50 entries.