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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 formal position announcement for the position of Vice President for Research was recently released and the search committee is in the process of receiving applications. The campus community is encouraged to submit nominations of qualified candidates and offer feedback regarding the search per the instructions provided online. The closing date for applications is December 1, and the interview process will soon follow. It is hoped that an appointment will be made by early spring 2012. More detailed information about the search can be found on the search Web site at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/vpresearch/>.

Vice President for Finance

Effective November 1, Lyle Gomes, Associate Vice President for Finance and University Controller, was appointed as Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration. Lyle has been a member of the Stony Brook University family for 26 years. He began his career at SBU as a Senior Financial Analyst and has worked his way up the ranks in Finance and Administration. He has served as the University Controller since 2004. Updates regarding the search for a new Vice President in this area will be provided as additional information becomes available.

II. SBU LAUNCHES NEW HEALTH AND WELLNESS INITIATIVE

I am pleased to announce the launch of *Healthier U*, a new employee health and wellness initiative that will combine the unique talents and abundant resources found throughout Stony Brook University to offer an innovative and comprehensive wellness program to address the total well being of SBU employees. The goal of this program is to create a happier and healthier university workforce by educating, encouraging and facilitating healthier lifestyle choices. I have charged a diverse group of professionals from

throughout the University community to serve on the Healthier U Committee. They will work collaboratively to research, evaluate and implement the best wellness program practices for the campus.

The launch of Healthier U will be marked by a series of “Kickoff Walks,” led by a variety of campus leaders, over the next several days. The first of these Walking Club Kickoff events began today at the Veteran’s Home, with a walk led by Fred Sganga. Dates for other scheduled walks include:

- **Nov. 8, SBU Hospital Lobby** (Walk Leaders: Fred Sganga and Ken Kaushansky);
- **Nov. 10, Administration Building**, second floor lobby (Walk Leaders: SBU Vice Presidents, other University administrators and Wolfie);
- **Nov. 14, SBU School of Dental Medicine**, Cafeteria Courtyard (Walk Leader: Ray Williams); and
- **Nov. 15, SBU Research and Development Park**, Cafeteria (Walk Leader Fred Sganga).

All events start at noon, except for the Dental School, which will begin at 1 p.m. The first 500 walkers to register will receive pedometers. We have also launched the Healthier U Web site, which will serve as the information resource center for all university and local wellness activities. The site can be accessed at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/healthieru/index.html>.

III. TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The SBU Division of Information Technology (DoIT) has kicked off the selection process of the next generation email and collaboration suite to replace Lotus Notes and various other email systems around campus. Please see stonybrook.edu/collaboration for more details. Additionally, the University data network three-year plan was shared at the October IT Partners meeting. The plan sets forth fiber expansion, wiring rehabilitation and network electronics replacements that DoIT will be executing over the next three years. Related information will soon be made available at: www.it.cc.stonybrook.edu/networking/upgrade. Finally, DoIT has recently created a systems information web page identifying all of the core University systems and providing status on their availability, planned maintenance and outages. See www.stonybrook.edu/it/status for more information.

IV. SBU TO HONOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The Stony Brook University Alumni Association will honor five individuals at its upcoming Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony on Wednesday, November 9. This year’s honorees include: **Keith Kowalsky** (B.E. ’86, M.S. ’88), President of Flame-Spray Industries, Inc.; **Aaron Podolefsky** (M.A.L ’73, M.A. ’76, Ph.D. ’78), President of Buffalo State University; **Peter Seccia** (B.A. ’89), Partner and Managing Director of the Securities Division of Goldman, Sachs & Co.; and **Marilyn Simons** (B.A. ’74, Ph.D. ’84), President of the Simons Foundation. **Jane Corrarino** (M.S. ’86, D.N.P ’10), Director of

Grants Development, Coordination, and Biostatistical Unit for the Suffolk County Department of Health Services will be recognized as the 2011 Distinguished Recent Alumna.

V. **FACULTY/STUDENT HONORS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

SBU Faculty Serve as Mentors to Forty-two Siemens Awardees

Forty-two high school students who worked with Stony Brook University faculty mentors were recently announced as regional finalists (11) and/or semifinalists (31) in the 2011 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology—one of the top nationwide research competitions for high school researchers. Many of the competition winners participated in summer research programs offered at Stony Brook, including the Garcia Center for Polymers at Engineered Interfaces program and/or the Simons Summer Research Program. **Miriam Rafailovich**, Professor of Materials Science & Engineering, directs the Garcia program, and is one of the nation's leading mentors of research competition talent. Other faculty engaged in mentoring Siemens regional finalists and/or semifinalists include: **Peter Brink** of Physiology & Biophysics; **Thomas Butcher** of the CME Program and BNL; **Benjamin Chu**, of Chemistry; **Matthew Dawber** of Physics & Astronomy; **Yuefan Deng** of Applied Mathematics & Statistics; **Miguel Garcia-Diaz** of Pharmacological Sciences; **Berhane Ghebrehiwet** of Medicine; **Nancy Hollingsworth** of Biochemistry & Cell Biology; **Benjamin Hsiao** and **Roy Lacey** of Chemistry; **Jonathan Liu** of Biomedical Engineering; **Yupo Ma** of Pathology; **Arianna Maffei**, Neurobiology & Behavior; **Yizhi Meng** of Materials Science & Engineering; **Harold Metcalf**, **John Noé** and **Martin Cohen** of the Laser Teaching Center, Physics & Astronomy; **Iwao Ojima** of Chemistry; **Lorna Role** of Neurobiology & Behavior; **Marcia Simon** of the Dental School; **David Talmage** of Pharmacological Sciences; and **K. Varadaraj** of Physiology & Biophysics.

Regional finalists will compete in one of six regional competitions during November; and winners of the regional events will compete at the National Finals in Washington, DC, in early December for the top prize of \$100,000. In previous years, grand prize winners in both individual (2009) and team categories (2001, 2007) worked with SBU faculty mentors including, Carlos Simmerling and Iwao Ojima of the Department of Chemistry and Miriam Rafailovich of the Department of Materials Science & Engineering.

SBU Receives NSF Grant for Water Remediation Technology

Stony Brook was recently selected among the first 21 teams for the inaugural class of the National Science Foundation's Innovation Corps (I-Corps) awards. I-Corps is a program designed to guide promising university research with commercial potential into the marketplace. Recipients receive a \$50,000 grant to begin assessing the commercial readiness of emerging technology concepts and will receive guidance from both public- and private-sector experts and the opportunity to meet with potential investors. Stony Brook's

project, the utilization of nanogrids or Photocatalysts for Water Remediation (PWR) is the invention of Dr. Perena Gouma, Associate Professor in the Department of Materials Science & Engineering and Director of the Center for Nanomaterials and Sensor Development, and Materials Science graduate student Mr. Jusang Lee.

McCormick Foundation Gives \$330,000 to SBU to Accelerate National Expansion of News Literacy Program

The Stony Brook University School of Journalism recently announced that the Robert R. McCormick Foundation is providing a \$330,000 grant to the Center for News Literacy to fund the delivery of training and materials demanded by the rapid spread of News Literacy courses.

VI. ATHLETICS

SBU Athletics Agrees to New TV Partnership with Cablevision

SBU Athletics and Cablevision recently announced a television partnership to broadcast 11 Seawolves basketball games during the 2011-12 season. It is the largest single provider television package in the department's history. Stony Brook will produce its own broadcasts for men's and women's basketball and will use Internet technology to feed the production to Cablevision, airing on Channel 118, which is available to all Cablevision cable television customers across Long Island. The first of the 11 basketball games will air on Wednesday, Dec. 7 when the men's basketball team hosts Fairleigh Dickinson at Pritchard Gymnasium at 7 p.m. The first women's basketball game will air the next day, Dec. 8, when the Seawolves play LIU at 7 p.m.

Women's Cross Country Team Wins Fifth Straight America East Championship

SBU Student-athlete **Hayley Green** of Wellington, New Zealand finished first to lead the Stony Brook women's cross country team to an America East Championship for the fifth straight year. Green won the 5K race in 16:51.59, nearly three seconds better than Boston University's Katie Matthews. Sophomore **Eric Speakman** of Napier, New Zealand led the SBU men's team to an impressive third-place finish, coming in with a time of 24:35.76.