

Tentative Agenda
University Senate
October 9, 2006

- I. Approval of tentative agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2006
- III. President's Report (S. Kenny)
- IV. Provost's Report and Introduction of Graham Glynn, new Director of Instructional Technology (R. McGrath)
- V. Library Report: Strategic Plans and Budget Issues (C. Filstrup)
- VI. Report on Assessment of General Education (M. London)
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business

Minutes of September 11, 2006
University Senate

I. Fred Walter, interim Presiding Officer, presided for first three agenda items. Approval of agenda: approved

II. Election of Senate President (Dr. Bernard Lane) and Secretary (Aimee de Chambeau): approved by acclamation.

III. Approval of minutes from April 3, 2006 and May 1, 2006 - Approved

Bernard Lane: Thanked everyone for the warm welcome. There is an additional item addendum. Lawrence Martin will be discussing the 2006 SEFA/United Way campaign.

Moment of silence for the victims and SB Alumni killed on 9/11/01.

Dr. Lane mentioned the University Convocation on Sept. 20th at 4:00 and encourages you to attend.

IV. President's Report (Dr. Shirley Strum Kenny):

The September 11th Stony Brook Memorial took place on September 9th between the Psychology building and the Humanities building at the twin towers memorial archway. It took place on Sept 9th to give Stony Brook families of alumni the chance to attend memorial services in NYC on Sept. 11th. Enrollment as well as selectivity is going up.

We did not close on Southampton before the planned August 31st target date. Long Island University asked us to postpone it so that liens on some of the buildings could be taken care of and we hope to open by the end of this month. There are some courses being taught at Southampton including Marine Sciences, Masters program in Creative Writing (which existed before and the students finishing up are finishing up with us instead LIU) as well as some HSC classes. There will be special activities beginning this month – the Center for Wine Culture will be having wine tastings etc. We received a special 10 Mil allocation for Capital improvements—the library needs to be completed and the residence halls (self-supporting) need to be fixed up. The interim Dean of Southampton will be Martin Schoonen.

Budget issues: The budget looks promising. New faculty hires are a big priority for the Chancellor. There is increased support for research faculty through the Empire Initiative and additional general faculty through the High Needs Initiative. We received approximately 17 million to increase our faculty in cluster areas.

Our 50th anniversary is coming up in 2007. We have a number of events planned and I think the theme should be "who are we and where are we going".

The town hall meeting on the state of the hospital with Dean Richard Fine, Interim Hospital CEO Fred Sganga and Dr. William Greene will take place right after this meeting (4:30) in the SAC Auditorium.

Alan Tucker asked Dr. Kenny about the alternative energy initiative.

Dr. Kenny: There is 35 million in capital funding to build an alternative energy center with Key Span, LIPA and other corporate entities. Yacov Shamash has been working very hard with Bob Cattel of Key Span. The funding was secured by the Senate and the LI Delegation. The building will be situated at Gyrodyne.

A new supercomputer for Stony Brook is being built for the campus community in a SB/BNL collaboration which received funding from a NYS Legislature line item of \$26 million. It will be the biggest supercomputer in the world that will not be classified. It will be owned by Stony Brook and housed at BNL. Stony Brook has also acquired the Seawulf Cluster, a new supercomputer which will aid faculty researchers and graduate students processing complicated calculations at high speed.

Norman Goodman asked about hiring a permanent Dean for Southampton.

Dr. Kenny: The search will not start for a year. Martin Schoonen will be Interim Dean for two years.

V. Report on SEFA/United Way Campaign (Lawrence Martin):

Approximately \$250,000 was donated by Stony Brook University faculty and staff in last year's campaign. We would like to increase the amount this year. Please speak with your colleagues about donating to the campaign this year. There are many causes you could support.

VI. Provost's Report (B. Lindquist):

The Undergraduate College is an effort by the Provost's Office to provide a better undergraduate experience for students. It has been positive for the students as well as for the faculty although the coterie of faculty is still too small. The Freshman 102 Seminars are the core of the Undergraduate Colleges. Senators should support the Dean's efforts to encourage faculty to become involved in these seminars.

Winter sessions: January 2007 will be our second winter session with classes beginning January 2nd 2007 and end January 18th 2007. We had 875 students enrolled for the three-week session. We had 46 classes available. We are continuing to build the Winter Session to address unmet demand and to assist students in fulfilling graduation requirements.

Personnel changes in the Provost's office: Brent Lindquist and Olufemi Vaughan have joined the Provost's Office working on a variety of matters including Academic Reviews, the Provost's Lecture Series, Distinguished Professorships, FAHSS Initiatives, etc.

Elyce Winters has returned as Assistant Provost for Academic Administration.

There will also be a national search for a new position in the Provost's Office: Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs. The Vice Provost will focus on continuing the improvements we have made to the way we deliver undergraduate education.

VII. Report of Senate President (B. Lane):

The Executive Committee met a few times over the summer. The Standing Committees to the University Senate are critical. It is important that faculty become involved—if you are interested and if you have something to contribute, please volunteer for a position on the Senate. We want to “revamp” the Senate website to include timely information on the agenda of each Standing Committee. You don't have to be a member of the Senate to serve on a committee. We would also include monthly Executive Committee updates.

Joan Kuchner suggested put Senate information on the Stony Brook calendar as a means of communication. People tend to look on SB Calendar for information rather than going to individual websites.

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business: None

Dr. Lane closed meeting and encouraged people to attend the Town Hall meeting in the SAC ballroom right after Senate meeting. The Library Report by Chris Filstrup and the Resolution on Smoking Ban by William Dethlefs was postponed until October 9th Senate meeting because of time constraints.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25.

Respectfully submitted by

Laurie Theobalt
Secretary
University Senate

September 11, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate
FROM: Shirley Strum Kenny, President
SUBJECT: Campus Report

1. New York State Budget

The New York State Budget this fiscal year is perhaps the best in a decade for the University.

It fully funds negotiated salary increases for faculty and staff, provides state support for 899 additional student FTE enrollment, and recognizes advanced doctoral students as full time at nine credits. For the first time, higher enrollment at local campuses will result in a substantial increase in campus-retained tuition revenue.

There is considerably increased support for research faculty through the Empire Innovation Program, and for additional general faculty through the High Needs Initiative.

The budget makes provision for increased utility costs and fully funds the SUNY utility deficit that had increased each year for the past four years.

First-year support for Stony Brook Southampton is included, providing essential funds for renovation and start-up costs.

2. Town Meeting on University Hospital

Directly following the Senate meeting this afternoon, beginning at 4:30 p.m., there will be a Town Hall Meeting in the SAC Auditorium to discuss the situation at University Hospital.

Dean Richard Fine, Interim Hospital CEO Fred Sganga, Dr. William Greene, and I will be present to answer questions.

3. Capital Campaign

As of August 18, 2006 we have recorded \$190,054,007 towards our target of \$300 million. This total includes the largest individual cash donation ever given to the University: \$25 million from the former Chair of our Mathematics Department, Dr. Jim Simons.

4. Convocation

I will deliver my 2006 State of the University Address during University Convocation, to be held Wednesday, September 20, 2006, at 4 p.m., in the Staller Center Auditorium.

A reception welcoming new faculty will follow.

5. Construction and other projects

Several major construction projects have reached completion and many are underway; the Design and Construction Group has had, on average, 250 active projects in process over the course of the last year.

The new entrance to campus is complete, and both Administrative Plaza and Humanities Plaza are nearing completion. The fountain in Administration Circle will be operational this month.

The roundabout at the intersection of Marburger Drive and Circle Road is nearing completion, and is in use. Construction has begun on an access road to our Research and Development Campus, and work on the building to house the Center of Excellence in Wireless Technology will commence in October.

Major renovations include the lobbies of the Student Union and Physics building, Lecture Hall 138 in Harriman, five of the eight lecture halls in Javits, and the common areas of the HSC, all of which have had new ceilings and lighting installed and the Harriman Lecture Hall provided with new air conditioning. The roof of the Social and Behavioral Sciences building has been replaced. The renovation of two lecture halls in Rockland Hall is almost complete. Bathrooms in Engineering, the Pritchard Gym, Earth and Space Sciences, the Melville Library, and Life Sciences building have been renovated.

Laboratories on the eighth floor of Basic Sciences and second floor of the HSC have been renovated, and the laboratories on the fifth floor of the Chemistry building are in the process of rehabilitation.

The northwest quadrant of South Parking Lot has been resurfaced and restriped. All the walkways in the Engineering Quad have been repaved, as have the paths leading from Roth Quad to the Student Activities Center.

The first phase of the Student Athletic Development Center is complete, and work on the second phase continues. The Visitors' football locker room is complete, and work on the basketball locker rooms is in progress.

Plans are being drawn up for a new 172-bed residence hall, to be located next to West Apartments.

Repairs to the Chapin Apartments, where two suites were recently damaged by fire, will begin soon. The roof structures are being removed and replaced with temporary tarpaulin and plywood structures. The Dormitory Authority has contracted with Goshow Architects to design replacement suites, and is expediting processing of our insurance claim with the carrier.

6. Enrollment

On opening day this fall, 21,847 students were registered, 685 more than last year, when 21,162 students were registered.

Compared to last year there are:
455 more West Campus undergraduates
281 more students in the Graduate School, including 149 more MBA students
282 fewer students in SPD
231 more East Campus students

This early count suggests that fall enrollment will be close to the planned number of about 22,600 students.

We matched last year's record high SAT scores among incoming freshmen in a year that saw the most significant declines in national SAT scores in 31 years. Preliminary figures for combined scores are at 1215 for regular admits and 1178 for all admits. The figures for last year's class were 1213 and 1182, respectively.

There is also an increase in the percentage of out-of-state freshmen. Our preliminary estimate is that 13 per cent of freshmen are from out of state, an historic high.

7. Awards Nominations

Nominations for the 2006/2007 Distinguished Professorships in Service and Teaching should be made before September 21, and complete files submitted by November 16, 2006.

Nominations for Chancellor's/President's Awards in Faculty Service, Librarianship, Professional Care, Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, and Teaching must also be submitted before November 16.

The deadline for Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence is January 30, 2007.

Please note that no nomination forms will be mailed this year. For further details, and to print nomination forms, consult www.stonybrook.edu/provost.

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST AND
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

TO: University Senate

FROM: Robert L. McGrath,
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: September 11, 2006

REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

GRANTS

Stony Brook University has been granted \$1,699,800 from the SUNY Empire Innovation Program, a new program from the State Legislature to encourage growth in sponsored research among the SUNY campuses. These base funds will be used towards faculty lines in CEWIT, the Center for Infectious Disease, Computational Science, CESER, Diabetes and Endocrinology, Chemical Biology and in Neuroscience.

The SUNY High Needs Program has also grant \$200,000 to the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences and \$80,000 to the School of Nursing to provide education and training to students in occupational fields of high need in New York State.

Through the acquisition of two new machines, Stony Brook is leading the way among public research universities in a innovative era of computational research. The New York State Legislature has approved a line item of \$26 million to site a 100-teraflop supercomputer as part of a Stony Brook/BNL collaboration. The computer will be owned by SBU, but sited at Brookhaven National Lab, with funding expected to arrive early in FY07.

Stony Brook has also acquired the Seawulf Cluster, a new custom-built 3.2 teraFLOPS, 470-processor Linux Cluster supercomputer which will aid faculty researchers and graduate students in processing complicated calculations at high speed, which will dramatically accelerate research computations.

OPENING OF SCHOOL

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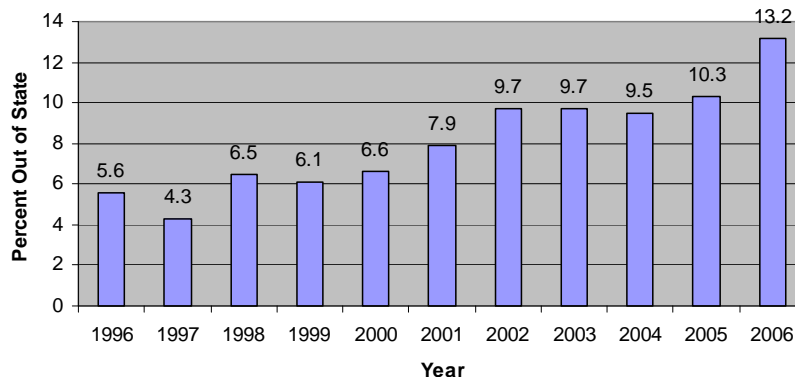
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Despite a national drop of 7 points in average SAT scores among high school seniors, our incoming students (regular admits) have an average SAT of 1215, up from 1213 last year. The average SAT score for students in the Honor's College this year is an outstanding 1415.

OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

Our out of state recruiting efforts are helping to increase enrollments, with 13.2% of this year's student body coming from outside of New York State.

Out of State Student Enrollments 1999-2006



The recruiting efforts in Asia have also been productive, drawing 45 undergraduate students from China, 11 from India and 57 undergraduates from Korea this year.

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES

The Undergraduate Colleges are celebrating the opening of school with several activities engaging new freshman and upperclassman. The smaller college within a larger university model has worked extremely well these past three years since its inception in drawing higher achieving students and in creating a tighter campus community focused on research and learning outcomes.

The Freshman 102 Seminars are at the core of the Undergraduate Colleges; offered each spring, these small seminars allow students close interaction with faculty and provide faculty the opportunity to create a seminar based on their own intellectual interests. The Deans have encouraged faculty to become involved in these seminars and as leaders in the University, Senators should greatly support the Deans' efforts. To volunteer to teach a Freshman Seminar this spring, please contact Jean Peden, Director of Undergraduate Colleges.

WINTERSESSION 2007

Stony Brook will hold a three week Wintersession for the second year with classes beginning January 2, 2007 and ending January 18, 2007. Last year's Wintersession offered 46 courses and enrolled 875

students. Our goal is to expand the Wintersession program, offering courses to address unmet demand and to assist students in fulfilling graduation requirements. Again, the members of the University Senate can play a vital role in the development of the Wintersession at Stony Brook. To offer or suggest courses for this Winter, please contact Associate Provost Brent Lindquist.

PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

As you may have seen in an announcement to campus this summer, Brent Lindquist of the Department of Applied Math and Statistics, who I'm sure you are all familiar with, and Femi Vaughan of the Departments of History and Africana Studies have joined my office as my new Associate Provost's and will be working on a variety of matters including Academic Reviews, the Provost's Lectures Series, Distinguished Professorships, FAHSS Initiatives, Summer and Winter Sessions as well as many of the coordination efforts with the Stony Brook Manhattan, Stony Brook Southampton, the Dean's offices, SUNY, Brookhaven National Lab and the Senate.

Elyce Winters has returned to my office full time as my Assistant Provost for Academic Administration. Elyce will handle matters formerly addressed by the Assistant Provost for Administration and Operations as well as continuing her work with BNL matters for the Office of the Vice President for Brookhaven Affairs.

Sharon Kane has also joined our staff as my Staff Assistant and can be contacted for general inquiries.

I will also announce a national search for a new position in my office this fall; a Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs. This position will focus on continuing the wonderful improvements we have made to the way we deliver undergraduate education. I hope that the Senate will forward nominations and be involved in the search for an outstanding candidate to this new post.

PROVOST LECTURE SERIES

This year promises to bring yet another intriguing set of talks in the Provost's Lecture Series which will kick off with a lecture by Stony Brook's own Professor Jeff Segal, Chair of the Department of Political Science. Professor Segal will give a talk entitled *Advice and Consent: The Politics of Judicial Appointments* on Thursday, September 14, 2006, 4:00 p.m. in the Wang Center, Lecture Hall 2.

On Wednesday Sept 27, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Main Auditorium, the Provost's Lecture Series in conjunction with the Departments of Physiology and Biophysics and Ecology and Evolution will present a talk by David Doubilet, National Geographic Photographer entitled *A Photo Essay: From Beneath the Keel*.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND TEACHING PROFESSOR NOMINATIONS

The call for nominations for this year's Distinguished Service and Teaching Professor Awards was announced on September 1st. Nomination forms and complete guidelines for the awards can be accessed on the Provost's Office website at <http://www.stonybrook.edu/provost/index.html>.

The Provost's Office site also includes information on the Chancellor's/President's Awards for: Excellence in Teaching, Excellence in Faculty Service, Excellence in Librarianship, Excellence in Professional Service, and Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

The nominations for Distinguished Professor are distinct from the recent call described above and are handled through a committee of Distinguished Professors. For additional information in nominating a colleague as a Distinguished Professor, please see the website at <http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/provost/Policies/revised2.htm>