

To All Faculty, Staff and Students:

I want to encourage all of you to attend an important and timely event later this week when Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher and approximately 200 SUNY delegates visit Stony Brook.

As part of SUNY's strategic planning efforts, the Chancellor has visited all of the SUNY institutions and is participating in meetings and discussions at seven campuses throughout the state on topics related to the future of SUNY and its institutions. As Provost Kaler mentioned in his message to you last week, on this Thursday, February 4, there will be a Conversation on Energy and Sustainability that is open to all University faculty, staff, students, and the greater community.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m in the Student Activities Center, there will be an Open Forum with Chancellor Zimpher and other SUNY officials. This Open Forum is a prime opportunity for you to comment on SUNY's Strategic Plan 2010. (Visit http://www.suny.edu/StrategicPlan for more information or to submit questions or comments.)

Then, at approximately 10:00 a.m., there will be an address by keynote speaker Dr. Steven E. Koonin, Under Secretary for Science in the U.S. Department of Energy, followed by a question-and-answer period.

The public portion of the event concludes at 11:30 a.m.; your attendance for any part of the event is encouraged. The many vital issues at stake affect everyone in the Stony Brook community, and it is my hope that all of you will participate to the fullest extent that your schedule allows.