



Mary Pearl/Martin Schoonen Announcement

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Dear Colleagues,

It is with regret that I announce that I have accepted Mary Pearl's resignation from Stony Brook University, effective immediately. Although she was only a part of the Stony Brook community for a little over a year, Mary brought energy and enthusiasm to her role as Administrative Vice President and Dean of Stony Brook Southampton and she will be missed. We wish her well on all of her future endeavors.

We are very fortunate that Professor Martin Schoonen will take on the leadership for the Sustainability Studies Program as its Director. Martin was a key leader in developing the curricula for these programs when he served as Interim Dean for Stony Brook Southampton for two years. A member of the faculty since 1989, Dr. Schoonen also is Associate Director of NASA's Astrobiology Center at Montana State University and was Assistant Director of the Long Island Ground Water Research Unit at Stony Brook from 1994 to 2002. He holds degrees from Utrecht University in the Netherlands and earned his doctorate from Penn State. A specialist in the reactivity of minerals, he has more than 100 publications to his name and is co-Editor in Chief of *Geochemical Transactions*, a leading journal in the field. His research has concentrated on the mineral pyrite, particularly its role in the origins of life, the acidification of streams, and the sources of lung disease among miners. Schoonen has conducted extensive studies of the groundwater of Long Island, and contribute to the development of the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan. In his role as Associate Vice President for Research, he fostered the growth of cross disciplinary teams and launched a number of new research initiatives. Under his direction, Stony Brook won a multi-million award to assist in the reconstruction of Iraq, establishing environmental health and science resources at three universities in that country. I am confident that he will do an excellent job leading the Sustainability Studies Program.

Best regards,

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