



Message from Provost Kaler Regarding 102 Seminars
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Dear Colleagues,

This year we have 2,770 first year students in our Undergraduate Colleges, and they are the best and most academically talented group of first year students ever to enter Stony Brook University. The faculty and staff of the Colleges are working diligently to ensure that each of these students is on the appropriate path to success.

An important component of this effort, in the Spring semester, are the Freshman 102 Seminars in which students have the opportunity to engage with a faculty member in a small 1-credit class. Over the years, both students and faculty have offered positive feedback about this experience, and I believe it is an important part of the College's efforts to make a large university more physically and intellectually accessible to students. Many students have selected major or career paths based upon their experience in the 102 seminars, and many remain in touch with 102 instructors throughout their time at the University.

I am writing to encourage all faculty to become involved with our incoming students in a meaningful way by teaching a 102 seminar. In recognition of your effort, \$1,000 will be made available for you to make an educational purchase or attend a conference. I know that we are all under stress due to the reduced resources provided by the State, but I hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity. I have taught one of these sections each year and find them interesting and enjoyable.

For more information please contact the Faculty Director of an Undergraduate College (listed below) or Jason Mastrogiovanni, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Colleges at jmastrogiovanni@notes.cc.sunysb.edu or 632-4378.

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Global Studies - Allegra de Laurentis
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Thank you for considering this.

Best,
Eric