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SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FORMAL WRITTEN APOLOGY FROM PRESIDENT STANLEY REGARDING THE ILLEGAL CLOSURE OF STONY BROOK SOUTHAMPTON

Whereas, the Stony Brook University community once extended far beyond the physical confines of West Campus, including Stony Brook Southampton, East Campus and Stony Brook Manhattan;

Whereas, Stony Brook Southampton was a distinctly different entity from each of the other components of Stony Brook University, was a unique campus community in and of itself;

Whereas, over 300 undergraduates considered Stony Brook Southampton their academic home, it was unfair and unjust to force these students to abandon their educational niches so suddenly and immediately, and the decision to curtail operations there displayed incredible nearsightedness and poor decision-making by the University administration;

Whereas, the educational opportunities offered at Stony Brook Southampton were unique not only to the Stony Brook community, but to the larger academic world, and thus it was impossible for students to change schools and maintain their academic interests;

Whereas, the closure of Stony Brook Southampton was deemed illegal by the Supreme Court of New York;

Whereas, students of Stony Brook Southampton who were not involved in the lawsuit were also impacted by the closing of the Southampton campus; and thus deserve the recognition of President Stanley; and

Whereas, the closed meeting at which he is to issue his apology is just that – closed – and therefore disrespecting the other students impacted by the closure of Southampton.

Resolved, by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government that –

- (1) President Stanley issue a public and written apology to all students, faculty, staff, and community members impacted by the illegal closure, and thereby reinforce their value as members of the Stony Brook University community;
- (2) President Stanley make his written apology accessible to the student media for publication;
- (3) President Stanley additionally issue a verbal apology at his meeting on Monday, September 12 at 2:00 PM in Room 201 of the Charles B. Wang Center for the purpose of discussing the transfer of the Sustainability Program and its students from the Southampton Campus to the main Stony Brook campus; and
- (4) That a copy of this Resolution be hand-delivered to, and a receipt of delivery collected from, President Stanley.

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Date