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TO: University Senate

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SUBJECT: President's Report

I. BUDGET

We remain hopeful that there will be no additional budget cuts to SUNY in 2010-11. At this time, it appears that the state-wide deficit projected between \$250 million and \$1 billion (pick your prognostication) will be rolled over to the 2011-12 fiscal year, resulting in as much as a \$10 billion shortfall next year. It is virtually impossible to estimate Stony Brook's share of such a shortfall and how potential tuition increases could factor into the financial plan.

II. APPOINTMENT TO THE CUOMO TRANSITION TEAM

As President of Stony Brook University, I was recently invited to participate on Governor-Elect Andrew Cuomo's Health and Education Transition Committee. This is one of three final transition committees that were appointed to fill top-level personnel for the Cuomo Administration. The committees will recruit, review and recommend talented candidates for key positions.

III. UNIVERSITY SEARCHES

Provost Search

By now, all of you have heard that Dr. Eric Kaler, SBU Provost, Sr. Vice President for Academic and Affairs and Vice President for

Brookhaven Affairs, has been named the 16th President of the University of Minnesota. As Dr. Kaler prepares to take on his new role as President on July 1, 2011, we are also preparing for the transition by engaging in a nationwide search for his replacement. We are currently in the process of identifying faculty, staff, students and others to serve on the search committee. A full list of search committee members and other details about the search process will be provided online and via other communication channels as plans are solidified.

CIO SEARCH

The CIO search process is progressing smoothly, and the search committee just recently completed on-campus interviews with its top eight candidates (selected from an original pool of more than 350 applicants). The Committee is expected to identify its top three candidates and begin making final reference checks within the next several days. Representatives from the University Senate will have a chance to meet with the top candidates who are asked to return to campus for a follow-up interview.

IV. DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT

Stony Brook University will host its December 2010 Commencement ceremony on Wednesday, December 22 at 1 p.m. in the main arena of the SBU Sports Complex. At present, a total of 2,346 individuals have been invited to participate in the ceremony as represented by the degrees below:

Bachelors – 1,169

Masters - 760

Doctoral - 270

Certificate recipients - 147

V. SBU AND THE POWER OF SUNY

SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher recently announced the members of the Innovation Teams associated with The Power of SUNY strategic plan. According to the Power of SUNY Website, these teams, which include groups of knowledgeable stakeholders organized around the six Big Ideas of the Power of SUNY, will “interpret and carry out the promises laid out in the strategic plan, crafting a blueprint for idea implementation on behalf of the entire system.” Several members of the Stony Brook University

community will be actively engaged with the Innovation Teams, including:

- **Bob Catell**, Chairman of the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (SUNY and an Energy Smart New York)
- **David Ferguson**, Distinguished Service Professor of Technology and Society and Applied Mathematics and Statistics (SUNY and the Entrepreneurial Century)
- **Alan Inkles**, Director, Staller Center (SUNY and the Vibrant Community)
- **Ken Kaushansky**, Dean of the School of Medicine and Senior Vice President for Health Sciences (SUNY and a Healthier New York)
- **Carolyn Peabody**, Clinical Asst Professor and Asst Dean (SUNY and the Vibrant Community)
- **Wolf Schafer**, Professor and Director, Department of History and the Center for Global & Local History (SUNY and the World)
- **Yacov Shamash**, Vice President for Economic Development, Stony Brook (Co-Chair, SUNY and an Energy Smart New York)
- **Samuel L. Stanley Jr.**, President (Co-Chair, SUNY and the Entrepreneurial Century)
- **Steve Strongwater**, Chief Executive Officer of the Stony Brook University Medical Center (SUNY and a Healthier New York)

VI. **Athletics Update**

Football--Despite losing the final game of the season, the football team ended with a 5-1 conference record and tied for the Big South conference title for the second consecutive year.

Women's Cross Country--The women's team had their finest season ever, culminating with a seventh place finish in the NCAA National Championship race where senior twins Lucy and Holly VanDalen (Wanganui, New Zealand) finished in 7th and 8th place overall and earned all-American status as a result.

Men's and Women's Basketball--Both teams currently sit at 3-4 non conference records coming off very close losses this past weekend. Steve Pikiell looks to get his team back above .500 with games this week at Holy Cross on Tuesday and then at home on Saturday at 2 p.m. (also televised on MSG+), while Coach Cherry and the women's team will head to George Mason and George Washington for two games this weekend.

Women's Swimming--The women's swimming and diving team captured the ECAC title with a first place finish out of 13 teams in the ECAC open championship meet this past weekend. Junior Taylor Crosby (Port Monmouth, NJ) finished as the second highest-scoring performer on the weekend.