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TO: University Senate

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President

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SUBJECT: President's Report

I. SBU CELEBRATES RAISING \$200 MILLION IN 12 MONTHS

The University recently announced a historic period of giving for the University in which friends and alumni contributed a staggering \$200 million over a 12-month period. This collective gift -- involving more than 1,500 donors -- is the largest in the University's 57-year history, and includes the sixth largest donation ever made to an American public university, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The catalyst was a \$50 million matching challenge as part of the \$150 million gift from philanthropist **Jim Simons** and his wife Stony Brook alumna **Marilyn Simons** ('74, '84). Designed to transform the University's future through a wide range of educational and research endeavors, the Simons Gift has already generated a record number of scholarships, fellowships, endowed chairs and professorships, and benefited dozens of strategic initiatives across campus.

II. STONY BROOK TO AWARD TWO HONORARY DEGREES IN MAY

The State University of New York (SUNY) Board of Trustees has formally confirmed approval for Stony Brook University to bestow two honorary degrees at its upcoming 53rd Commencement ceremony in May. Slated to receive honorary degrees are **Dr. Nora D. Volkow** (Doctor of Science), Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), and artist **Terrence Netter** (Doctor of Fine Arts). Commencement is scheduled for **Friday, May 24, at 11 a.m. in the Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium.**

III. RECENT APPOINTMENTS AND SEARCHES

Whelan Named Interim Vice President for Strategic Initiatives

Dr. Matthew Whelan, Associate Provost for Enrollment and Retention Management at Stony Brook University, was recently named Interim Vice President for Strategic Initiatives. In this position he will serve as an adviser in the areas of long-term policy and strategic initiatives. This is a role in which he will identify institutional priorities, facilitate planning and take the lead in identifying and facilitating cross-functional academic initiatives at Stony Brook. As part of his new responsibilities, the Office of Institutional Research will move from the Provost's office back into the President's Office, under Dr. Whelan's oversight. Having joined Stony Brook in 2006 after serving in key positions at St. John's and Hofstra, Dr. Whelan has spent the last 24 years working in positions in college admissions, financial aid and enrollment management. He has agreed to continue to oversee Enrollment and Retention Management at Stony Brook through the spring semester, directing and managing our current class of applications.

CIO Search Reaches Initial Interview Phase

Under the leadership of **Dr. Craig Lehmann**, Dean of the School of Health Technology and Management, the search committee appointed to identify viable candidates for Stony Brook's next Chief Information Officer (CIO) recently began the process of interviewing an initial slate of nine candidates for the position. The committee expects to narrow the list down to three to five individuals, who will be recommended to return to campus around mid-April for a second round of interviews and interaction with key campus stakeholders. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

IV. SBU REACHES AGREEMENT WITH THREE VILLAGE SOCCER CLUB

Stony Brook University and the **Three Village Soccer Club (TVSC)** recently reached an agreement on the usage of the athletic fields near the South P lot that satisfies the ongoing athletic needs of both students and the community. Under the terms of the new agreement, Stony Brook University students will have primary use of permanently designated, and newly refurbished, athletic fields while the TVSC will continue to have access to newly created fields consisting of about the same amount of acreage as before. The TVSC will also have an opportunity to use the newly refurbished fields when they are not in use by students, subject to availability. The permit to use the fields, which is retroactive to September 1, 2012 and running through August 31, 2018, provides for automatic renewal for five additional years provided there is no cause for non-renewal.

V. UPCOMING EVENTS

Healthier U Walk on Wednesdays Program to Kick off this Month

Walk on Wednesdays (WOW), Stony Brook University's employee weekly walking program, will kick-off its 2013 spring season on **April 3**, which is also National Walking Day. Groups of faculty and staff will start walking at **noon**, rain or shine, at the locations listed below:

- Hospital - Main Lobby
- Tech Park - Cafeteria at 31 Research Way
- Long Island State Veterans Home - Main Entrance
- Main Campus - Fountain on the Academic Mall
- South Campus:
 - Endeavor Hall Lobby
 - Sullivan Hall Lobby
 - Suffolk Hall Lobby by EH&S
 - Research & Development Park - Research & Support Services Bldg. (formerly Bldg. 17) - Main Entrance

Participants who walk at least four times this spring will receive a free Healthier U T-shirt (while supplies last). For more information and pictures from last year, go to the Healthier U Web site at www.stonybrook.edu/healthieru .

This Month's Gala to Feature Alan Alda

The University and the Stony Brook Foundation will host the **Stars of Stony Brook Gala** on **Wednesday, April 24** at Pier Sixty in New York City. SBU visiting professor and acclaimed, actor, director and writer **Alan Alda** will be this year's honoree. This annual event is designed to raise money in support of student scholarship programs. This year's Gala will also benefit the Center for Communicating Science for which Alda is a founding board member. Reduced priced

tickets are available for faculty and staff for \$500 per ticket or \$5,000 for a table of ten. In addition, the University will offer chartered coach transportation to and from the Gala. To purchase tickets and/or to reserve seats on the bus, please contact Nicole Piampiano at 632-4197 or Nicole.piampiano@stonybrook.edu.

Save the Date: Presidential Lecture

Please save the date for a Stony Brook University Presidential Lecture, featuring **Ms. Marian Wright Edelman**, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, on **Tuesday, May 7** at 4:00 p.m. in the **Staller Center for the Arts**. Additional details are forthcoming.

VI. FACULTY HONORS

Four SBU Professors Receive NSF CAREER Awards Totaling Nearly \$2 Million

I am proud to congratulate four Stony Brook University faculty members who were recently selected to receive the prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) program award. The award, which includes a substantial grant to support research over a five-year period, is given to promising young faculty members who exemplify the role of teacher-scholar through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of both education and research. The faculty members and their awards include: Radu Laza, Department of Mathematics, \$414,000; Alexander Orlov, Department of Materials Science & Engineering, \$504,668; Jonathan Rudick, Department of Chemistry, \$500,000; and Emre Salman, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, \$453,809.

VII. ATHLETICS UPDATE

Football Team Prepares for Fall Season with Spring Game

Heading into Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) competition in the fall, the Stony Brook football team, under head coach **Chuck Priore**, recently began spring practice and will host a **Spring Game on April 21**. All practices and scrimmages are free and open to the public.

Women's Soccer Signs Eight Student-Athletes to NLI's for 2013 Season

The Stony Brook women's soccer team and head coach **Sue Ryan** recently announced the signing of eight student-athletes to National Letters of Intent. Among those signed were: Kimberly Comstock, Christina Fluman, Hannah Groth, Lindsay Hutchinson, Lauren Kovalchuk, Maxie New, Elise Pratt and Leah Yurko. The signees, who come from five different states, will be eligible to play for the Seawolves in the fall.