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MEMORANDUM

TO: University Senate

FROM: Andrea Goldsmith, President

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SUBJECT: President's Report

Executive Summary

University News

- **Genesis Mission Summit:** President Goldsmith, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Dean Andy Singer, and Professor Robert Harrison, director of the Institute for Advanced Computational Science, represented Stony Brook at the invitation-only summit organized by the Department of Energy to bring together leaders from across sectors to begin developing a vision for success for the Genesis Mission. President Goldsmith led a panel with two other AAU university presidents focused on the role of universities in advancing science through AI and strengthening STEM education, which kicked off the summit.
- **Strategic Planning:** As part of the process to shape a shared vision for Stony Brook's future, President Goldsmith hosted the first-ever community gathering at Sunwood to hear from local community members, including leaders of chambers, civic associations, and local school districts. Additionally, a planning session focused on Stony Brook's research priorities and opportunities for excellence brought together faculty members and academic leaders from across the university.

State and Local Government Relations Update

- **State Budget Advocacy:** President Goldsmith joined Associate Vice President for Government Relations Carl Mills in Albany on February 3 for a day of advocacy that included meetings with Secretary to the Governor Karen Persichilli Keogh, Speaker Carl Heastie, the Higher Education Chairs of the Senate and Assembly, and several Stony Brook alumni and

local elected officials.

- **Visit By State Leaders:** On February 3 and 4, Stony Brook welcomed leadership from Empire State Development (ESD), including its Division of Science, Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR), and New York Ventures, for a two-day visit focused on applied research, industry collaboration, and economic development across New York State. President Goldsmith and Stony Brook leaders had the opportunity to highlight the university's innovation, research, and economic development initiatives.
- **Chancellor's Reception:** President Goldsmith, Chief of Staff Jennifer Almquist, Executive Vice President for Stony Brook Medicine Bill Wertheim, Stony Brook Hospital CEO Carol Gomes, and Associate Vice President Carl Mills attended a reception at Chancellor King's residence in Albany on February 10. The chancellor welcomed the chairs of the Senate and Assembly Health and Higher Education committees for an informal gathering to meet and discuss issues important to SUNY.

Federal Government Relations Update

- **FY26 Appropriations:** Congress passed 11 out of the 12 FY26 appropriations bills. Exception: Homeland Security Bill, which includes funding for ICE. Overall, lawmakers rejected the Administration's proposed steep cuts to scientific research and student financial aid. NIH's base budget is funded at \$47.2B (.09% increase), with an additional \$1.5B for ARPA-H; DoD receives \$145.9B for research, development, testing, and evaluation—\$4.7B above FY25 enacted levels; Department of Energy's Office of Science is funded at \$8.4B (a 2% increase); and Pell Grants remain flat-funded. NSF is funded at \$8.75B, representing a 3% reduction from FY25. We secured \$18 Million for SBU specific research initiatives, which includes \$4M for Stony Brook's CDS ("earmark") request, secured by Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, to support the creation of a unique teaching and research laboratory at Stony Brook focused on energy security research.
- **Stony Brook Medicine:** After several years of Stony Brook working closely with Rep. LaLota in a very challenging, uphill battle with many of his congressional colleagues, Rep. LaLota's proposed legislative language to amend the current Medicaid Disproportionate Shared Hospital (DSH) calculation method was enacted into law. This policy change will save Stony Brook Medicine over \$50M a year.

Advancement

- Since the start of this fiscal year on July 1, 2025, we have secured **\$95.3 million** in gifts and pledges — a 51% increase over the \$63.2 million raised at this time last year.
- To date, we have received **155 gifts of \$100,000 or more**, including **17 gifts of \$1 million or more**. Gifts of \$1 million or more are on pace with last year, while the number of major gifts has grown by 26% (up from 123 at this point last year).
- Of the gifts closed so far this fiscal year, **\$53.64 million** were endowment commitments, which is a record for endowment gifts received in one year by Stony Brook.
- Since the announcement of the New York State and Simons Infinity Investment matches in FY23, we have raised a total of **\$150.1 million in endowment support** toward our \$200 million multi-year goal.
- Notable gifts closed since the last update include:
 - **\$550,000** to support Seawolves United
 - **\$500,000** for the Aviv Scholarship for First Generation Students Endowment

- **\$500,000** to support the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences
- **\$250,000** to support the Department of Medicine
- **\$220,000** for the Maze-Landreau Fellowship
- **\$158,824** for the Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund
- **\$125,000** to benefit the Department of Ophthalmology
- **\$100,000** to support The Vallone Family Endowed Scholarship
- **\$100,000** to benefit the Stony Brook University & Jazz Loft Partnership Endowment Fund

Athletics

- Stony Brook Athletics and the Stony Brook University men’s basketball team hosted the eighth annual Stony Brook Children’s Hospital Game at Stony Brook Arena on February 7, bringing together patients and their families with players, coaches and the SBU community. Every Stony Brook player wore a specially customized jersey with the name of a Stony Brook Children’s Hospital patient on the back, and the team warmed up for the game wearing a special shooting shirt featuring a design created by a Stony Brook Children’s Hospital patient.
- Men’s Basketball earned its 12th home victory of the season in a 79-72 win over Hampton on February 21 to move to 9-6 in CAA play - the team’s best conference record through 15 games since joining the CAA in 2022.
- Graduate men’s basketball student-athlete Erik Pratt was named CAA player of the Week for the third time this season after scoring 55 points (27.5 ppg) and grabbing 14 rebounds, seven assists and three steals last week in wins over Drexel, which was nationally-televised on CBS Sports Network, and Hampton.
- Women’s Lacrosse is currently ranked No. 16 after opening the season with an impressive 15-6 win over Albany, the 20th consecutive win for the Seawolves over their SUNY rivals. The team hosted No. 18 Colorado on February 26 and No. 4 Northwestern on February 28 while junior Isabella Caporuscio was named to the 2026 Tewaaraton Watch List as one of the top players in the nation.
- Graduate track student-athlete Grace Weigele won gold in the 3,000-meter run while finishing fourth in the 5,000 at the CAA Championship meet on February 22.

Equity & Inclusion

SRG Initiative Summary – Fall 2025 – Spring 2026

Planning and Development

- Initiative launched in Summer 2025 informed by faculty and staff engagement, prior affinity groups, and employee survey data to identify priority areas of belonging, connection, and support.
- Eight Staff Resource Groups (SRGs) were selected for the initial Fall 2025 rollout.

Initial SRGs Identified

- Pan African Council
- The Honor Pack (Veterans and military-connected community)

- RISE UP (Respect, Identity, Solidarity, Equity, Unity, Pride – LGBTQIA+)
- Accessibility for All (faculty and staff with disabilities and allies)
- Union Universitaria Latinoamericana (UUL)
- Colleagues in Community (Inclusion and Belonging for all employees)
- AAPI Community Alliance
- Jewish Faculty and Staff (launch postponed due to leadership recruitment needs, with a target start of Spring 2026)

Structure and Governance

- Each SRG operates under a formal charter outlining mission, purpose, rights, and responsibilities.
- Standard leadership structure includes Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer roles to ensure continuity and shared accountability.
- Leaders identified through targeted outreach based on demonstrated engagement, prior involvement, and expressed interest.

Leadership Status

- Leadership teams confirmed for the Fall 2025 SRGs.
- Spring SRGs are forming and leadership is being identified.

Launch and Engagement Activities across Stony Brook University and Stony Brook Medicine

- Official announcement at the Employee Benefits and Wellness Fair (October 7, 2025), including membership sign-ups and branded outreach materials.
- SRG website launched to centralize information and registration.
- Two leadership convenings held to align strategy, strengthen communications, and plan programming.
- Guest speaker provided ERG/affinity group best practices in higher education.
- Hosted SRG Week and the inaugural SRG Fair to build awareness and participation.
- Conducted outreach and tabling events at Southampton and Hospital/East Campus locations.
- Provided operational support including individual SRG webpages, survey templates, digital signage assets, and group communications infrastructure.

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- Plan to expand with four additional SRGs: Caregivers, Early and New Professionals, International Faculty and Staff, and Sports Fan.
- Leadership recruitment and interest sessions underway.
- Training workshops in development with Procurement to ensure compliant use of state funds.
- Continued focus on awareness, membership growth, and sustainable programming.

Human Resources

- The University HR team is refining the job architecture for professional and managerial jobs based on detailed analysis of the workforce.
- HR supported the implementation of new minimum salary levels for Post-Doctoral Associates and Research Scientists, effective no later than July 1. They also supported the implementation of new stipend levels for Research Project Assistants (RPA's) following

ratification of a new labor agreement with the Research Foundation in late January.

Innovation

New Workforce Development Program

(Foundational Pillar: Catalyze)

CEWIT was selected by the Long Island Association to lead a new artificial intelligence training program for small businesses across Long Island. The program is funded by Google and is designed to help small businesses adopt AI tools and strengthen the regional innovation ecosystem. In the coming weeks, the first cohort of Long Island businesses will begin training. This initiative builds on CEWIT's Artificial Intelligence for Business Optimization program launched in Summer 2025 and expands its regional impact.

Technology Transfer Modernization

(Foundational Pillar: Accelerate)

The SUNY Research Foundation approved a first set of updated license and commercial agreement templates developed and deployed at Stony Brook. These templates modernize and streamline technology transfer processes. Recognizing this progress, the Research Foundation asked Intellectual Property Partners to assist with implementation across other SUNY campuses. The first campuses have now adopted these updates. IPP and Innovation continue to review and update additional policies. The goal is to move beyond intellectual property protection toward faster translation, increased startup formation, and stronger licensing partnerships, with particular attention to companies in New York State.

Brook and Beyond, Cohort Two

(Foundational Pillar: Accelerate)

Innovation launched the second cohort of Brook and Beyond, a team based entrepreneurship and innovation training program. This cycle received sixty four project submissions, matching the strong participation of the first cohort and drawing many new applicants. The semester long program supports projects with potential for startup formation or licensing to established companies. All applicants receive structured feedback. Eight semifinalist teams will advance to intensive training and will present their work to external judges, including investors and senior industry leaders.

Creating Translational Space for Innovators

(Foundational Pillars: Accelerate, Build, Catalyze)

Innovation completed the first phase of a space optimization effort at the Energy Center on the R and D campus. The review aligned laboratory and office space with value creation goals and strengthened engagement with external partners. Space assignments will now be reviewed annually to ensure alignment with institutional priorities and the evolving regional innovation ecosystem. Following this work, a similar review has begun at the CEWIT building. A space utilization survey and coordinated discussions with faculty, chairs, and deans will help ensure that space supports innovation, translation, and partnership development.

Research

Support for Early Career Faculty

(Foundational Pillar: Build)

We continue to strengthen structured support for early career faculty pursuing major federal awards. This programming provides proposal development guidance, peer learning, and direct engagement with experienced awardees to increase competitiveness for extramural funding.

- NIH R Series Academy, Winter 2025: Seventy eight faculty registered for the Winter 2025 NIH R Series Academy. The program included a kickoff session, a full day intensive workshop, guidance on non technical components, and a session with NIH R awardees. A faculty review panel provided feedback and mentorship.
- NSF CAREER Program Support: Fifty faculty registered for the NSF CAREER series. Programming includes a kickoff session, a two part grant writing workshop delivered in collaboration with other SUNY campuses, and targeted sessions on outreach partnerships, evaluation plans, data management, and discussions with past awardees.

Research Strategic Planning Event

(Foundational Pillar: Catalyze)

A campus wide research strategic planning event was held to inform the University Strategic Plan and identify major investments needed to achieve bold outcomes within the next ten years. The event builds on prior efforts including Tiger Teams, Science Futures, COACHE, and Project REACH. Forty faculty participated across six interdisciplinary themes:

- Biomedical Discovery, Health, and Human Well Being
- Data, Computation, and AI Enabled Research
- Energy, Climate, and Planetary Systems
- Materials, Quantum, and Advanced Physical Sciences
- Brain, Behavior, Society, and Culture
- Innovation, Policy, and Societal Impact

New York State Delegation Visit

(Foundational Pillar: Catalyze)

Nine representatives from Empire State Development, NYSTAR, and NY Ventures visited Stony Brook for a two day site visit. The delegation toured key centers including the Center for Biotechnology, the Center for Excellence in Wireless, the Center for Advanced Energy, the Center for Grid Innovation Development and Deployment, and the Long Island Manufacturing Extension Program. The visit included a meeting with President Goldsmith and a tour of the Quantum Internet Technology Lab. This visit strengthened alignment with state priorities and future investment opportunities.

Funding Landscape Presentation Series

(Foundational Pillar: Build)

A virtual series was launched to inform the research community about the evolving federal and state funding landscape. Presentations provide updates on policy priorities, legislation, and budget trends to help faculty align proposals with current opportunities.

Initial focus areas include:

- Semiconductors
- Biotechnology
- Artificial Intelligence

HERD Survey Submission

(Foundational Pillar: Build)

The University submitted the annual HERD Survey on January 30, 2026. Total research expenditures reached a record high of 372.5 million dollars, representing a 17 percent increase over the prior year. Federal expenditures reached a record high of 197.7 million dollars, a 6 percent increase over the prior year.

Student Affairs

- Student Life hosted its third annual Siblings Weekend, hosting over 200 attendees including students and their families. Participants participated in this fun weekend, which featured activities such as cake decorating, Lego tournaments, arts and crafts, bingo and more. In addition, the inaugural Student Leadership Conference - Seawolf Leadership Lab took place on Saturday, February 28. Students at all levels of leadership were invited to participate to develop and enhance their leadership skills.
- On February 7, the campus celebrated the Lunar New Year Festival. This event welcomed hundreds of attendees who joined in the celebration to honor the start of the new lunar calendar with live performances, calligraphy, Asian snacks, and giveaways.
- On Tuesday, February 16, the Division of Student Affairs welcomed Dr. Amelia Parnell, President and CEO of NASPA, the leading national student affairs association in higher education, for an inspiring and energizing visit. She met with Student Affairs leadership for an engaging discussion on the evolving landscape of the profession, the challenges we face, and the opportunities ahead. Dr. Parnell concluded her visit with a division-wide Q&A focused on NASPA's strategic priorities and the current and future state of student affairs, reinforcing the importance of remaining mission-driven in a rapidly changing environment.
- Many educational and cultural events are hosted throughout the month of February to commemorate the 100 years of Black History Month and recognize the culture and historical contributions of the Pan-African community, such as the Black History Month Opening Ceremony, the School of Health Professions Black History Month Meet and Greet; the Spoken Word Open Mic Night; a special event featuring a fireside chat with Dr. Amelia Parnell; movie screenings and discussions, and many others.
- Throughout the month of March, the campus community will commemorate Women's History Month with a series of engaging events and programs. Highlights include the Gender Equity March and Resource Fair; a meet-and-greet with Chanel Lopez, Deputy Director of LGBTQ+ Affairs for the NYS Executive Chamber under Kathy Hochul; panel discussions featuring women across a range of industries; film screenings; and additional opportunities for learning, reflection, and community building.

Events to highlight:

- Women's History Month Celebration - Wednesday, March 4
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/event/11979240>
- Black History Month Closing Ceremony - Friday, March 6
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/event/12074267>
- On-Campus Internship, Research and Experiential Programs Fair - Monday, March 9
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/event/11965201>
- Health and Wellness Fair - Wednesday, March 11
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/event/12198564>

- Brookfest Concert - Friday, March 27
<https://stonybrook.campuslabs.com/engage/event/11815638>