



Project 50 Forward Update
The Project 50 Forward Operational Excellence Steering Committee

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To the Campus Community:

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Stony Brook is more than halfway through the diagnostic phase of our Operational Excellence program, during which a fact base is being gathered of our University operations. This information has been gleaned through faculty and staff surveys, interviews, benchmarking, and cost and performance information. We are identifying opportunities from this base to recommend areas and procedures to be revamped and revised to reduce our operating costs. There has been strong participation in these activities from Stony Brook faculty and staff. In particular, over 1,300 faculty and staff participated in the organizational effectiveness survey and over 200 employees helped build organization charts and activity assessments across the University.

Although the Operational Excellence diagnostic phase is not yet complete, the Steering Committee is able to share three preliminary findings:

1. Stony Brook is relatively lean in administrative areas compared with those of other universities
2. Stony Brook has the opportunity to save between 5% and 9% of University dollars spent each year on purchasing goods and services
3. Stony Brook has opportunities to improve both the efficiency and effectiveness of many departments by streamlining processes, clarifying decision-making, and optimizing organizational structures

The final element of the diagnostic phase involves conducting faculty and student focus groups. These will take place in late November and will review the following five areas: information technology, purchasing, facilities, administration (finance, human resources) and revenue opportunities.

The second phase of the program is the Design Phase. It will utilize faculty and staff teams to provide detailed recommendations and solutions to help cut costs and increase revenues. We look forward to keeping you up to date on our progress, and appreciate all of your participation and input thus far.

Survey Participants Prize Winners Named

On behalf of the Project 50 Forward team, please accept our thanks for completing the surveys that were issued in July and in September. Your feedback is helping us analyze and assess the University's organizational construct, as well as helping us gain an understanding

for opportunities in the areas of procurement and IT.

Once all the information is compiled and assessments complete, these surveys will greatly contribute to the initial phase of the Operational Excellence component of Project 50 Forward. In this phase we are focused on building a comprehensive set of facts and data about Stony Brook from which potential areas of opportunity will be developed for the Operational Excellence Steering Committee to consider.

Completion of these surveys required broad participation across our academic and administrative departments. We are pleased to report that we received more than 1,300 responses which is a remarkable achievement and surpassed our highest expectations.

At the onset of the survey, a participation prize drawing was announced, and at this time, prize winners have been identified. Nearly 50 prizes are being awarded, and to protect the identity of those participating in the survey, we are announcing winners by employee identification numbers.

If you see your University ID number in the list below, please contact Jessica Kunis at 632-6340 to learn how to collect your prize. If you have any questions, please contact us through the feedback page on the Project 50 Forward website (<http://www.stonybrook.edu/sb/50forward/>).

Grand Prize: One winner
A 32GB iPod Touch
Employee ID Number:
107436867

First Prize: 10 winners
Tickets to a special event at Staller Center for the Arts
Employee ID Numbers:
100311532
100394924
100382886
107418162
100011687
106823215
107437060
106529249
105641571
100311569

Second Prize: 10 winners
Stony Brook University Seawolves Athletic Event
Employee ID Numbers:
100376292
100149582
100331396
104654851
100034439
100113392
106080388
100245442
100374692
100036862

Third Prize: 25 winners
\$10 Starbucks Gift Card
Employee ID Numbers:

100052426
100118430
100089615
106993897
100330829
100258668
105677974
103342746
100052286
100310764
100118883
100247185
107409100
100235588
100327180
100284326
105676674
100343531
106064195
106710106
100074330
100204205
100273490
100249396
100117699

Fourth Prize: Three winners
Lunch at Pentimento Restaurant with - and courtesy of - President
Stanley

Employee ID Numbers:
106930278
107442664
100387951

Congratulations and thank you again for participating in the Project
50 Forward Survey. Your input goes a long way in making the
operational assessment of the institution accurate.