Dear Colleagues:

Each summer our new undergraduate students are welcomed to Stony Brook by current students, faculty, and staff. This first encounter is an important introduction to the University and those involved in orientation work hard to see that the students get a warm welcome and vital information they will need before classes start in the fall. I write to ask if you would be willing to serve as an orientation advisor to some of the 4000 students we expect to see this summer.

Faculty members who have worked as advisors at orientation have called the experience one of their most rewarding at the university. They provide key academic information to students in large and small groups and individually during orientation. Each faculty advisor is paid a modest stipend per orientation session. There are 22 orientation sessions between June and August, and faculty advisors are welcome to participate in as many of these as they can, though we hope that each advisor will commit to at least twelve.

If you are interested in serving as a faculty advisor at orientation or if you would like more information, please contact Brian DeLong, Director of Student Orientation Programs at 2-6710 or bdelong@notes.cc.sunysb.edu. If you enjoy helping new students with that process and you are available this summer, then I hope that you will seriously consider serving as a faculty advisor.

Thank you,
Robert McGrath, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs