



**Dr. John H. Marburger, III appointed Interim Vice President for Research**

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To All Faculty and Staff,

I am pleased to announce that effective January 21, 2010, Dr. John H. Marburger, III (Jack), the third President of Stony Brook University (1980-1994), Science Advisor to the 43rd President of the United States, and Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (2001-2009), has agreed to serve as the Interim Vice President for Research at Stony Brook University.

Currently University Professor in the Departments of Physics and Electrical Engineering at Stony Brook, Jack is both a renowned scientist and administrator. His institutional knowledge of Stony Brook and Brookhaven National Lab, as well as his depth and breadth of knowledge and experience in technology transfer, federally sponsored scientific research (which during his tenure at Stony Brook, grew to exceed that of any other public university in the northeastern United States), and his interest in education and students at all levels, enables him to transition easily as an interim leader for our Research Enterprise as we continue the search for a permanent appointment.

For those not aware of his background, Jack was born on Staten Island N.Y., grew up in Maryland near Washington D.C. and attended Princeton University (B.A., Physics 1962) and Stanford University (Ph.D. Applied Physics 1967). He worked at the University of Southern California as professor of physics and electrical engineering, and served as chair of the physics department. From 1976 to 1980, he served as Dean of the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at USC where he contributed to the rapidly growing field of nonlinear optics, a subject created by the invention of the laser in 1960. Jack returned to the east coast in 1980 when he was appointed as the third president of Stony Brook University. He stepped down in the fall of 1994, and returned to the faculty at Stony Brook, where he taught and continued to pursue his research in optical science as a University Professor. He became the first President of Brookhaven Science Associates, a partnership of the State University Research Foundation and Battelle Memorial Institute that competed for and won the contract to operate Brookhaven National Laboratory under contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (1997). Under his Directorship, the Laboratory commissioned the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider (RHIC) and achieved ISO14001 certification of the laboratory's environmental management system.

I've had several opportunities to interact with Jack during his visits to Stony Brook this semester, including time he spent in October as a returning University President to attend the Inaugural ceremonies, and again last month when he gave the inaugural lecture of the Distinguished Speaker Series on the Future of Energy, Long Island Forum on Energy. On a personal and professional level, I am very pleased that he has agreed to serve as interim VP for Research.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Dr. Jack Marburger back to the Stony Brook University campus community in this new capacity.

Samuel L. Stanley, Jr., M.D.  
President