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To: The campus community

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. James Harvey as Director of the Office of Conferences and Special Events, effective July 1, 2004.

Jim Harvey brings to Stony Brook a wealth of seventeen years of conference and special events experience in the not-for-profit, for-profit, and higher education sectors, having served as Assistant Director of Convention Programs for the Modern Language Association (MLA), Senior Convention Services and Operations Manager at New York's Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, and most recently as Coordinator of the Newman and Vertical Campus Conference Centers at Baruch College of CUNY. Please join with me in welcoming him to our campus community.

I am also happy to announce Ms. Arlene Skala's new designation as Director of Commencement and Associate Director of Conferences and Special Events. With this enlarged responsibility, Ms. Skala will manage all matters pertaining to the University's commencement ceremonies held in December and May, the latter having been relocated and expanded to the Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium for the first time this year. I also want to express my appreciation to Ms. Skala for her dedication and leadership over the past eight months, during which time she has served as Interim Director.

Thanks are due also to Janice Rohlf, chair, Pat Dana, search support staff, and the entire Search Committee comprising Lynn Johnson, Simminate Ennever, Patrick Kelly, and Kamal Sridhar for selecting Mr. Harvey as a finalist, to Jean Drelick for her assistance as VP coordinator, and to everyone involved for their dedication over the course of a six-month national search.

In the Office of Conferences and Special Events, Director of Commencement and Associate Director Arlene Skala, Assistant Director Ann Brody, Business Manager Margaret Abbatiello, Assistant to the Director Berengaria Brine, and support staff member Lucy Scuria will assist Jim Harvey in his new position.

The Office of Conferences and Special Events is located in the Charles B. Wang Center on the third floor. As you plan for the coming academic year and beyond, please contact Mr. Harvey for all of your conferencing and special event needs at 632-6320. We are delighted to have him as a leader and member of the Stony Brook campus community.