

Board of Regents Minutes

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

April 23, 2008

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 23, 2008.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE FY 2007-08 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) COMPETITIVE CYCLE

Endowed Chairs Component

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Support Fund money as necessary to complete the endowments for proposals ranked one through six in the competitive component (i.e., Proposals 005EC, 004EC, 006EC, 011EC, 008EC, and 002EC).

Research and Development Component

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of \$2,231,409 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, and ATLAS projects. These funds shall be disbursed as follows: (1) Research Competitiveness Subprogram - \$1,222,941; (2) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram - \$558,468; and (3) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram - \$450,000. All R&D proposals shall be funded at the levels, durations, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the thirty (30) top-ranked RCS proposals recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the nine (9) top-ranked ITRS projects recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the eleven (11) top-ranked ATLAS proposals recommended. While the cutoff level for funding proposals cannot be finally decided until all campus responses have been received and the final Allocate on for expenditure is determined, the following principles will be adhered to: (1) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular category is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that category, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; (2) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, or should FY 2007-08 money be returned from previously funded Research and Development contracts, that money shall be

offered to the next ranked proposal which the consultants recommended for Priority I funding within the respective subprogram, subject to the availability of funds; and (3) if there are no remaining Priority I proposals in a particular subprogram the money shall be awarded, in descending rank-order, to Priority I proposal(s) in another R&D subprogram.

*Enhancement of the Quality of Departments or Units Component
Endowed Professorships*

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action on disbursement of FY 2007-08 Endowed Professorship awards until the June 2008 meeting. By that time the Board will have a clearer picture as to the total availability of funds for this program component. Extensions for submissions of final documentation are granted to Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge and Southern University Law Center. No additional extensions shall be allowed for the FY 2007-08 funding cycle.

New Traditional, Undergraduate, and Two-Year Institutions Enhancement Projects

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following: (1) Traditional Enhancement Program: Money shall be taken as necessary from previously unspent monies to enable the funding of FY 2007-08 Traditional Enhancement projects at the level of \$5,934,890. The \$5,934,890 recommended for expenditure for FY 2007-08 Traditional Enhancement proposals shall be awarded in the rank order and at funding levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants, and shall be divided among the five eligible disciplines and the multidisciplinary projects as follows: Business - \$603,125; Chemistry - \$1,830,103; Education - \$646,519; Mathematics - \$577,752; Physics and Astronomy - \$1,376,393; and Multidisciplinary - \$900,998. (2) Undergraduate Enhancement Program: The \$1,620,000 recommended for expenditure for FY 2007-08 Undergraduate Enhancement proposals shall be awarded to meritorious proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with the stipulations recommended by Consultants. (3) Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions: The \$1,080,000 recommended for expenditure for FY 2007-08 Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions proposals shall be awarded to meritorious proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. While the cutoff level for funding proposals in these categories cannot be finally decided until the amount of money available in the Support Fund for FY 2007-08 has been determined and all campus responses have been received, the following principles will be adhered to: (a) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular category is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that

category, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal and (b) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be awarded, in descending rank order, to the Priority II proposal(s) in the Enhancement Program for two-Year Institutions.

Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students Component

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2007-08 cycle for the Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students program. Funds shall be awarded for the duration, at funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants.

BoRSF/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2007-08 cycle for the BoRSF/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program. Funds shall be awarded for the duration and at the levels and with the stipulations which consultants recommended.

Contingency Plan for Budgetary Shortfall

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following Contingency Plan for budgetary shortfall as follows: Should the final FY 2007-08 Support Fund budget not achieve the revised amount budgeted herein, any shortfall shall be accommodated through a proportionate reduction in the amounts allocated for proposals in the Traditional Enhancement Program.

BoRSF GUIDELINES: COST SHARING REQUESTS FOR CAMPUS-BASED PROPOSALS TO FEDERAL FUNDING AGENCIES

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the “BoRSF Guidelines: Cost Sharing Requests for Campus-Based Proposals to Federal Funding Agencies.”

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 23,
2008

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 23, 2008. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*