

## **Board of Regents Minutes**

### **SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**April 25, 2007**

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 25, 2007.

#### **FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE FY 2006-07 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) COMPETITIVE CYCLE**

##### ***ENDOWED CHAIRS COMPONENT***

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Roy, 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 four and the proposals ranked sixth and seventh in the competitive component (i.e., Proposals 011EC, 009EC, 017EC, 016EC, 001EC, and 006EC). (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)**

##### ***RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT***

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of the \$2,313,831 anticipated to be available for expenditure in FY 2006-07 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, and ATLAS projects. These funds shall be disbursed as follows: (1) Research Competitiveness Subprogram - \$1,255,133; (2) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram - \$558,698; and (3) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram - \$500,000. All R&D proposals shall be funded at the levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the thirty-three (33) 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 twelve (12) 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 allocation 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, that money**

shall be offered to the next ranked proposal which the consultants recommended for Priority I funding within the respective subprogram; 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 D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action on disbursement of FY 2006-07 Endowed Professorship awards until the June 2007 meeting. By that time the Board will have more complete information regarding the total availability of funds for this program. Extensions for submissions of final documentation are granted to Louisiana State University-Agricultural Center and Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge. No additional extensions shall be allowed for the FY 2006-07 funding cycle.

##### *NEW TRADITIONAL, UNDERGRADUATE, AND TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS*

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of \$7,315,527 for all Priority I FY 2006-07 Traditional Enhancement proposals. Awards shall be made in the rank order, at the funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants, and shall be divided among the five eligible disciplines and the multidisciplinary projects as follows: Agricultural Sciences - \$889,313; Arts - \$982,990; Earth/Environmental Sciences - \$852,603; Engineering A - \$2,182,162; Health and Medical Sciences - \$1,458,459; and Multidisciplinary - \$950,000. 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 2006-07 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 offered, in rank order, to the Priority II proposal(s) in the Multidisciplinary Component. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the Undergraduate Enhancement

**program as follows: the \$1,620,000 available for FY 2006-07 shall be awarded to meritorious Priority I proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Labat, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions component as follows: the \$1,080,000 available for FY 2006-07 shall be awarded to meritorious Priority I proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)**

***RECRUITMENT OF SUPERIOR GRADUATE STUDENTS COMPONENT***

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Labat, the Sponsored Programs Committee unanimously recommended that the Board approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2006-07 cycle for the Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students program. Funds shall be awarded for the durations, at funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)**

***BoR/SREB GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY PROGRAM***

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2006-07 cycle for the BoRSF/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program. Funds shall be awarded for the durations, at funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)**

**CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR BUDGETARY SHORTFALL**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following Contingency Plan for budgetary shortfall: Should the final FY 2006-07 Support Fund budget not achieve the amount budgeted herein, any shortfall shall be accommodated through a proportionate reduction in the amounts allocated for proposals in the Traditional Enhancement Program.**

**DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED NATIONAL MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE INITIATIVE (NMSI) FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve an average of up to \$200,000 per year in matching funds from the Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) for a NMSI proposal, with the following stipulations: (1) BESE provides at least an equal amount of funds; (2) the uncertainties reflected in the staff comments above are addressed; (3) a commitment from the Governor is received; and (4) the Louisiana proposal is successful in the national NMSI competition.**

**BoRSF PLANNING COMMITTEE AND EPSCoR SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Toups, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the nominations from the Louisiana Department of Economic Development to replace Ms. Fran Gladden with Mr. Robert Fudickar on the BoRSF Planning Committee, as well as to replace Mr. Brian Chapman with Mr. Robert Fudickar on the BoRSF EPSCoR Subcommittee.**

**UPDATES**

Dr. Davidson said updates were given on the following items: (1) Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative (P-KSFI); (2) Research Commercialization and Educational Enhancement Program (RC/EEP); and (3) Statewide Economic Development Plan. He noted that the first of three public forums was held yesterday at the University of New Orleans to discuss statewide economic development plans. He said that approximately 50 representatives from the colleges and universities were in attendance. Deputy Commissioner Davidson mentioned the next two forums will be held in Baton Rouge and Shreveport respectively. Chair Strong thanked Dr. Kerry Davidson and Mr. John Wallin, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, for their hard work in preparing for the Sponsored Programs Committee meeting on Wednesday.

**ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 25, 2007**

**On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 25, 2007. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)**