

**Board of Regents Minutes**  
**Sponsored Programs Committee**  
**April 26, 2006**

**INTRODUCTION OF THE LaSIP AND LA GEAR UP STAFF**

Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs and LaSIP/LA GEAR UP Project Director, introduced the staff of the Louisiana System Initiatives Program (LaSIP) and the Louisiana Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (LA GEAR UP). Chair Toups noted that LaSIP/LA GEAR UP will become employees of the Board of Regents on July 1, 2006.

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT**

On behalf of Regent Henry, Member of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 26, 2006.

**REVIEW OF K-16 PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCHOOL REFORM PROPOSALS**

Regent Henry noted that Dr. Bagayoko had requested to make a statement to the Board. Dr. Bagayoko said he was now making a formal appeal for reconsideration of the K-16 PSR proposal which he had earlier submitted. Regent Henry noted that the Board was sympathetic to his request and appreciated his comments. Regent Toups stated that the Board affirms the integrity of the review process and requested that Dr. Bagayoko continue working with the Sponsored Programs staff to position his proposal for the next review cycle.

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of \$2,899,280 of the \$3 million available for the FYs 2005/06 - 07/08 K-16 Partnerships for School Reform (K-16 PSR) Program. Awards shall be made in rank order, at the funding levels, and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. Responses to stipulations must be submitted to the Commissioner of Higher Education by July 14, 2006. The Responses for each campus/school team must be co-signed by the**

**Principal Investigator, the affected Superintendents(s) and the affected Principal(s).**

**FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE FY 2005-06  
BoRSF COMPETITIVE CYCLE**

*Endowed Chairs Component*

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, 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 five in the competitive component (i.e., Proposals 009EC, 001EC, 003EC, 004EC, and 005EC, and Proposal 011EC in the Restricted Bequests Program).**

*Research and Development Component*

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of \$2,143,866 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, and ATLAS projects. These funds shall be disbursed as follows: (1) Research Competitiveness Subprogram - \$1,281,866; (2) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram - \$362,000; and Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram - \$500,000. All R&D proposals shall be funded in the rank order, and at the levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the twenty-eight (28) top ranked RCS proposals recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the six (6) 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; and (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.**

*Enhancement of the Quality of Departments or Units Component*

• **Endowed Professorships**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs**

**Committee to defer action on disbursement of FY 2005-06 Endowed Professorship awards until the June 2006 meeting. By that time the Board will have more complete information regarding the total availability of funds for this program. Further, extensions for submissions of final documentation are granted to Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport, Southern University-Shreveport, and South Louisiana Community College. No additional extensions shall be allowed for the FY 2005- 06 funding cycle.**

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

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of \$7,197,323 for the funding of Traditional Enhancement proposals. Awards shall be made in the rank order, 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: Biological Sciences - \$1,299,909; Computer/Information Sciences - \$905,688; Engineering B - \$2,320,167; Humanities - \$538,958; Social Sciences - \$1,214,603; and Multidisciplinary - \$917,998. 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 2005-06 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; (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.**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the Undergraduate Enhancement program as follows: the \$1,525,862 available for FY 2005-06 shall be awarded to meritorious proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants.**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, 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 \$884,835 available for FY 2005-06 shall be awarded to meritorious proposals in the rank order and at funding levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants**

- Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students Component

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2005-06 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**

- **Contingency Plan for Budgetary Shortfall**

**On motion of Regent Henry, 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 2005-06 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.**

**ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 26, 2006**

**On motion of Regent Henry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 26, 2006. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)***