

Board of Regents Minutes

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

April 27, 2005

On behalf of Regent Rasberry, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 27, 2005.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE FY 2004-05 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) COMPETITIVE CYCLE ENDOWED CHAIRS COMPONENT

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve Support Fund and Reserve Fund money as necessary to complete endowments for the proposals as recommended by consultants and consistent with the BoRSF Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Policy.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of the \$2,964,350 estimated to be available in FY 2004-05 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, and ATLAS projects. These funds shall be disbursed as follows: (1) Research Competitiveness Subprogram - \$1,780,939; (2) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram - \$623,483; and (3) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram - \$559,928. All R&D proposals shall be funded in the rank order, and at the levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the forty-four (44) top-ranked RCS proposals recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the eleven (11) top-ranked ITRS proposals recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the fourteen (14) top-ranked ATLAS proposals recommended.

ENHANCEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF DEPARTMENTS OR UNITS COMPONENT ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Blake, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to defer action on disbursement of FY 2004-05 Endowed Professorship awards until the June 2005 meeting. By that time the Board

will have more complete information regarding the total availability of funds for this program component.

Regent Jacobs requested that a meeting be held before the regularly scheduled June 2005

Sponsored Programs meeting to discuss issues regarding endowed professorships.

**NEW TRADITIONAL, UNDERGRADUATE, AND TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION
ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS**

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for the Traditional Enhancement program as follows: the \$7,965,245 available for FY 2004-05 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 - \$1,297,445; Chemistry - \$2,370,227; Education - \$943,150; Mathematics - \$1,332,573; Physics/Astronomy - \$992,350; and Multidisciplinary - \$1,029,500.

On motion of Regent Raspberry, 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 \$1,853,351 available for FY 2004-05 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 Raspberry, seconded by Regent Brame, 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 \$1,234,965 available for FY 2004-05 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 Raspberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2004-05 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.

RECOMMENDED GENERAL PRINCIPLES RELATIVE TO THE ALLOCATION OF SUPPORT FUND DOLLARS

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the following procedure for all awards in Research, Enhancement, and Superior Graduate Students components: Support Fund money shall be awarded to highly recommended proposals within each area in order of their ranking, at funding levels, and with the stipulations as recommended by consultants. While the cutoff level for funding proposals in these categories cannot be decided until the amount of money available in the

Support Fund for FY 2004-05 has been finally determined and all campus responses have been received, these principles will be followed: (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 to the next proposal within the same category which the consultants recommended for funding.

CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR BUDGETARY SHORTFALL

On motion of Regent Rasberry, 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 2004-05 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.

REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER – NEW ORLEANS FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR AN INTERDISCIPLINARY NEUROSCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT EDUCATION PROPOSAL

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the commitment of matching funds from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the HHMI Phase I proposal submitted by the consortium of six Louisiana institutions, led by the LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans, entitled “Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Graduate Research Training Program.” The amount of matching funds provided for the proposal shall be equivalent to 10% of the amount of funding received for the Phase I proposal; i.e., \$100,000 for the three-year duration of the award, or approximately \$33,333

annually. Matching funds are to be provided only if HHMI funding is received.

**ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF
APRIL 27, 2005**

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 27, 2005. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*

Chair Toups thanked Dr. Davidson and his staff for their hard work in preparation for this meeting.