

Board of Regents Minutes

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

April 2009

On behalf of Regent Klein, Vice Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, moved to dispense with the reading of the report in its entirety and present only the motions.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BoRSF 2008-09 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE ENDOWED CHAIRS FOR EMINENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee as follows:

- 1. Incorporate recommendations 1-2, 4-7, and 9-12 into the Board of Regents' Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Policy and Guidelines. The staff will discuss revisions with the LEQSF Planning Committee, including draft MOUs between the Regents and campuses as appropriate, and submit the revised policy and guidelines for the Board's consideration. *(These recommendations are available in the Sponsored Programs Office.)***
- 2. Refer recommendation #3, related to increased income generation from endowments, to the Finance Committee for consideration. *(This recommendation is available in the Sponsored Programs Office.)***
- 3. Approve recommendation #8, for the immediate planning and implementation of an Eminent Scholars website. *(This recommendation is available in the Sponsored Programs Office.)***

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE FY 2008-09 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) COMPETITIVE CYCLE

Endowed Chairs Component

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, 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 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 in the competitive component (i.e., Proposals 002EC, 007EC, 003EC, 008EC, and 004EC). The Sponsored Programs Committee also unanimously recommended that the Board provide Support Fund money as necessary to complete the endowment

for Restricted Bequest Proposal 001EC. All proposals shall comply with the written stipulations of consultants as a condition of funding. The Commissioner shall act for the Board in determining if compliance has been achieved. (*Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.*)

Research and Development Component

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve expenditure of \$1,986,240 to fund the first year of new RCS, ITRS, and ATLAS projects. These funds shall be disbursed as follows: (1) Research Competitiveness Subprogram - \$977,440; (2) Industrial Ties Research Subprogram - \$558,800; 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 twenty-two (22) top-ranked RCS proposals recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the eight (8) top-ranked ITRS projects recommended. Support Fund money shall be awarded to fully fund the ten (10) 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, or should FY 2008-09 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. All R&D proposals shall be funded at the levels and with the stipulations recommended by consultants. (*Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.*)

ENHANCEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF DEPARTMENTS OR UNITS COMPONENT

Endowed Professorships

On motion of Regent Klein, 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 2008-09 Endowed Professorship awards until the June 2009 meeting. By that time the Board

will have a clearer picture as to the total availability of funds for this program component.

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

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Roy, 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 the \$4,179,262 dedicated to the Enhancement program in the Restricted Reserve Fund to enable the funding of FY 2008-09 Traditional Enhancement projects at the level of \$5,862,365. The \$5,862,365 recommended for expenditure for FY 2008-09 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: Biological Sciences - \$1,102,522; Computer/Information Sciences - \$676,450; Engineering B - \$1,740,189; Humanities - \$588,967; Social Sciences - \$805,000; and Multidisciplinary - \$949,237. (2) Undergraduate Enhancement Program: The \$1,620,000 recommended for expenditure for FY 2008-09 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 2008-09 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 2008-09 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 component in which award(s) were refused or denied. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for all applications submitted in the FY 2008-09 cycle for the First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships Program. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students Component

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding for recommended proposals submitted in the FY 2008-09 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. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

BoRSF/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program Recommendations

On motion of Regent Klein, 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 2008-09 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. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

Contingency Plan for Budgetary Shortfall

On motion of Regent Klein, 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 as follows: Should the final FY 2008-09 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BoRSF 2009-10 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Roy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the proposed documents and process for the 2009-10 R&D review. (Specific information is available in the BoR Sponsored Programs Office.)

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF APRIL 22, 2009

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of April 22, 2009. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)