

Board of Regents' Minutes

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

April 22, 2010

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, moved to dispense with the reading of the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of April 21, 2010, and approve the following motions "in globo."

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent Guichard, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of the Sponsored Programs Committee as follows:

BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND PLANNING COMMITTEE AND EPSCoR SUBCOMMITTEE NOMINATION

To approve Mr. Jason El Koubi as the Department of Economic Development's representative on the BoRSF Planning Committee and the EPSCoR Subcommittee.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN THE FY 2009-10 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) COMPETITIVE CYCLE

OVERVIEW

To approve the budget revisions and guiding principles as presented.

ENDOWED CHAIRS COMPONENT

To provide Support Fund money as necessary to complete the endowments for proposals ranked 1, 4, 9, 10, and 11 in the consultants' report (i.e., Proposals OO9EC, OO7EC, OO4EC, OO1EC, and OO6EC). The Board hereby approves providing Support Fund money as necessary to complete the endowments for Restricted Bequest Proposals O16EC and O17EC. 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.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT

To approve the following procedure for funding in the R&D Program during FY 2009-10: While the amount of money that will ultimately be available to

fund first-year activities in all R&D projects will almost certainly be far less than the \$3,059,961 which would be required to fund all projects placed in Priority I by consultants, adherence to the following principles shall be uniformly enforced: All R&D proposals shall be funded in rank order at the levels and the durations and with the stipulations recommended by consultants until the funds designated for each component have been exhausted. Further, (1) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular component is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that component, the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; (2) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, or should FY 2009-10 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

To approve the provision of \$1,520,000 from the Support Fund as matching funds for up to two professorships for each four-year institution and one professorship per two-year institution, as submissions warrant. Approval is also granted to Louisiana College for the purpose of submitting additional documentation after the March 31, 2010 deadline.

TRADITIONAL AND UNDERGRADUATE ENHANCEMENT, AND THE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR TWO- YEAR INSTITUTIONS

To approve the following procedure in funding Enhancement projects during FY 2009-10: While the \$4,098,466 recommended by consultants for expenditure in Traditional Enhancement, the \$1,620,000 recommended for expenditure in the Undergraduate Program, and the \$1,080,000 recommended in the Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions this fiscal year will be significantly reduced, the following principles shall apply: (a) all Support Fund money shall be awarded in rank order and at funding levels and with stipulations recommended by consultants; (b) if the remaining money in the budget for a particular component or discipline is insufficient to fully fund the last recommended proposal for that component or discipline the remaining funds shall constitute the total award for that proposal; and (c) should an institution refuse or be denied an award, that money shall be awarded to the next highest-ranked proposal within that component or discipline.

FIRST GENERATION ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

To approve all FY 2009-10 applications submitted under the First Generation Endowed Undergraduate Scholarships Program.

RECRUITMENT OF SUPERIOR GRADUATE STUDENTS COMPONENT

TRADITIONAL GRADUATE FELLOWS AND GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS FOR TEACHERS

To approve funding reductions in this component. The ten top-ranked proposals submitted in the FY 2009-10 cycle for the Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students Program Traditional Component shall be funded for the durations and at levels which consultants recommended. The three Graduate Fellowships for Teachers proposals shall be funded at the levels recommended by consultants.

BoR/SREB GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS TO PROMOTE DIVERSITY PROGRAM

To approve funding reductions in this component. The three top-ranked proposals submitted in the FY 2009-10 cycle for the BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program shall be funded for the duration and at the levels which consultants recommended.

CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR BUDGETARY SHORTFALL/OVERAGE

To approve the following budgetary contingency plan: Should the final FY 2009-10 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 various Enhancement Program components. Should funds in excess of the revised amount budgeted be received, money shall be awarded in rank order to proposals in the various Enhancement Program components on a pro rata basis.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 21, 2010

On motion of Regent Levy, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Meeting Report of April 21, 2010. (Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)