

## **Board of Regents Minutes**

### **Sponsored Programs Committee**

**August 27, 2008**

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

#### LA GEAR UP RETROSPECTIVE, 2002-08; LA GEAR UP PROSPECTIVE, 2008-14

Dr. Davidson said a presentation briefly described LA GEAR UP which spanned 2002-08 and received \$15 million from the U.S. Department of Education. He said LA GEAR UP was recently funded for an additional six years (2008-14) at a level of \$18 million.

#### CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST(S) FOR MATCHING FUNDS TO SUPPORT:\

##### *A. NSF EPSCoR RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT TRACK 2 PROPOSAL*

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit matching funds from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund as cost sharing for the NSF EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement Track 2 proposal. The amount of matching funds provided for the project shall not exceed \$400,000 per year for the three-year duration of the award, for a total of \$1,200,000. Matching funds will be provided at a rate of 50% of NSF EPSCoR funding to the Louisiana portion of the grant to the consortium only if the NSF EPSCoR funding is received.**

##### *B. ENERGY FRONTIERS RESEARCH CENTER PROGRAM OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PROPOSAL*

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to commit cash match from previously unspent monies in the Board of Regents Support Fund for the Louisiana State University DOE EFRC proposal entitled "Computational Catalysis and Atomic-Level Synthesis of Materials: Building Effective Catalysts from First Principals." the amount of cash match provided shall not exceed \$931,991 for the five-**

**year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if DOE EFRC funding is received.**

**FUNDING REQUEST FROM LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY FOR K-16  
PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCHOOL REFORM (K-16 PSR) PROGRAM**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve partial funding of Louisiana Tech University's request at the level of \$30,000 for the sole purpose of providing increased documentation and dissemination of project work.**

**CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS IN THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND:**

- A. ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT POLICY TO INCORPORATE THE FIRSTGENERATION  
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM THEREIN***
- B. THE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM POLICIES***

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to adopt the revisions/additions to the "Endowed Chair, Endowed Professorship, and Endowed Scholarship Programs: State of Investment Policy and Objectives and other Endowed Program Policies. (Copies are available in the Board's office.)**

Dr. Davidson said updates were given on the following items: (1) 2008-09 Eminent Scholars for Endowed Chairs Program evaluation and (2) Projected 2009-10 Research and Development Program evaluation.

**OTHER BUSINESS - STAFF RECOMMENDATION RELATIVE TO CHANGE OF  
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OF POST-KATRINA SUPPORT FUND INITIATIVE  
PROJECT**

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the request from Louisiana State University to appoint Dr. Jarek Nabrzyski as principal investigator of the Post-Katrina Support Fund Initiative project entitled The LONI Institute: Advancing Biology, Materials, and Computational Sciences for Research, Education, and Economic Development.**

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT OF AUGUST 27,  
2008

**On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of August 27, 2008. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)***