

Board of Regents' Minutes

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

January 6, 2011

On behalf of Regent Levy, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of January 6, 2011. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regent)*

REOUEST FROM LOUISIANA RESEARCHERS FOR ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING PROPOSALS IN RESPONSE TO THE BP-FUNDED GULF OF MEXICO RESEARCH INITIATIVE RFP - DR. CHRIS D'ELIA, DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF THE COAST AND ENVIRONMENT, LSU-BATON ROUGE

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Bruno, the Board of Regents, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve assisting campuses which are developing collaborative multi-campus proposals to seek BP funding. This assistance may include sponsoring workshops and engaging consultants to facilitate the development of competitive proposals. Only BoRSF monies previously approved for the oil spill conference which have not been expended may be used for these purposes.

On motion of Regent Bruno, seconded by Regent Wiley, the Board of Regents, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution to be delivered to British Petroleum (BP) in response to the request by Dr. Chris D'Elia, Dean of the School of the Coast and Environment, LSU-Baton Rouge.

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents appreciates British Petroleum's (BP) commitment to establish a \$500 Million Gulf Research Initiative and the initial rapid response to the state for research funding; and

WHEREAS, BP is initiating a process to allocate an additional pool of funds in excess of \$400 Million;

WHEREAS, as this process moves forward, the Board of Regents recognizes that the bulk of the Gulf Coast oil spill affected coastal and federal waters adjacent to the coast of Louisiana;

THEREFORE, for that reason, the Board of Regents recommends that the allocation of resources or research dollars should focus on the areas most affected by the oil spill.

BoRSF PLAN AND BUDGET FOR FY 2011-12

On motion of Regent Rasberry, seconded by Regent Klein, the Board of Regents, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the FY 2011-12 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget, including contingency plans to restore the Traditional Enhancement subprogram, as presented.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT AWARDS (REA) AND GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM COMPONENTS OF THE JOINTLY SPONSORED (REGENTS/NASA) LaSPACE PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Klein, seconded by Regent Bollinger, the Board of Regents, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee for funding recommendations in the amount of: (a) \$217,755 relative to the four top-ranked LaSPACE Research Enhancement Award (REA) projects recommended for funding; REA projects shall be funded in the order, amounts, and with any stipulations recommended in the consultants' report; and (b) \$25,000 in BoRSF monies relative to the four top-ranked Graduate Student Fellowships recommended for funding.

Both REA and Graduate student Fellowships will be paid from Support Funds annually allocated to the LaSPACE program.