

Board of Regents Minutes

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

January 26, 2005

On behalf of Regent Brame, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of January 26, 2005.

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE BoRSF FY 2005-06 PLAN AND BUDGET

A. Recommendations of the BoRSF Planning and Advisory Committees

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approved the FY 2005-06 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget as recommended by the Planning and Advisory Committees.

B. Staff Recommendations in Light of Projected Additional Revenue

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve appropriation of an additional \$1.7 million for the Enhancement Program in the FY 2005-06 BoRSF Plan and Budget over and above the amount recommended by the BoRSF Planning and Advisory Committees. The Planning Committee will study avenues for restructuring the Endowed Professorships Program as well as the idea of establishing a scholarship program for deserving but economically disadvantaged students. Specific recommendations for funding either or both of these initiatives will be presented to the Board for its consideration in the summer or fall of 2005.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT AWARDS (REA) PROGRAM COMPONENT OF THE JOINTLY SPONSORED (REGENTS/NASA) LaSPACE PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approval of the LaSPACE consultants' report and funding recommendations in the amount of \$146,748 relative to the five top-ranked LaSPACE Research Enhancement Award (REA) projects recommended for funding, to be paid from FY 2005-06 Support Funds allocated to the LaSPACE Research Enhancement Awards program, and unexpended funds from previous competitions as necessary. Projects shall be funded in the order, amounts, and with any stipulations recommended in the consultants'

report. If an award is declined, that award shall be offered to the alternate proposals in the order indicated in the report.

FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO THE EPSCoR PILOT FUNDING FOR NEW RESEARCH (Pfund) PROGRAM

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve funding of the thirtytwo proposals ranked highest and at the level of funding indicated, using NSF EPSCoR program funds in the amount of \$193,670 and previously unspent Support Fund money in the amount of \$180,000.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) INVESTMENT POLICY FOR ENDOWMENTS

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to change the language contained under “Section G. Monitoring of Objectives and Results” of the Louisiana Board of Regents Eminent Scholars and Endowed Professorships Program Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives.

UPDATE ON THE JANUARY 12, 2005 WORKSHOP: “K-12 UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS”

Dr. Davidson said an update was given on the “K-12 Underperforming Schools” workshop that was held on January 12, 2005 in Baton Rouge. He noted that the staff is preparing a draft RFP to be sent to campuses and key stakeholders for their response.

ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF JANUARY 26, 2005

On motion of Regent Brame, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of January 26, 2005. *(Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.)*