

Board of Regents Minutes
SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE
January 7, 2010

On behalf of Regent Klein, Vice Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, presented motions from the Minutes, Board of Regents Page 3 January 7, 2010 Sponsored Programs Committee Report of January 7, 2010. (*Copy on file in the office of the Board of Regents.*)

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A STATE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Dr. Sally Clausen, Commissioner of Higher Education, noted the imperative for higher education to exercise leadership in spurring innovation, job creation and research breakthroughs. She introduced Dr. Michael Martin, Chancellor, Louisiana State University and A&M College, who affirmed LSU's commitment to be proactive in strengthening partnerships across higher education and business.

Dr. Davidson introduced Dr. Les Guice, Vice President of Research and Development at Louisiana Tech University, who presented the Science and Technology Plan (S&T) titled FIRST Louisiana (Fostering Innovation through Research in Science and Technology in Louisiana). Dr. Davidson emphasized that the FIRST Plan was being recommended to the Regents by officials representing all research campuses, public and private. Dr. Guice further discussed the S&T conceptual framework and definitions highlighted by examples of researchers across multiple campuses and disciplines whose work in laboratories is resulting in economic investments.

Dr. Clausen then introduced Mr. Stephen Moret, Secretary, Department of Economic Development, who in turn introduced Mr. Jason El Koubi, Director, State Economic Competitiveness. Mr. Moret noted, that in the past, Louisiana has underperformed economically but over the last few years has been performing better than the south and the United States and

has to continue improving on a regular basis. Mr. Moret stated that one way to meet the rising economic challenge is through investments in “Blue Ocean” targets, so named because they operate in waters that are relatively untroubled by competition and in sectors for which no state Minutes, Board of Regents Page 4 January 7, 2010 has an insurmountable edge over Louisiana. Some “Blue Ocean” areas are (1) digital media and software, (2) next-wave automotive manufacturing, (3) green energy, (4) specialty health care, (5) coastal water management, and (6) next-wave energy. Mr. Moret stated that he would return to this forum with an update in two or three months. He also noted that the S&T Plan would be presented to the State Innovative Council next week. An extensive question and answer session followed the presentation.

On motion of Regent Roy, seconded by Regent Rasberry, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Sponsored Programs staff recommendations that the State Science and Technology Plan for Higher Education be adopted to serve as: (1) the foundation and guide for targeted statewide research planning required in the Regents’ Master Plan; (2) a statement of Louisiana’s strategic postsecondary S&T research priorities to be communicated to federal and state agencies, industry, and other diverse audiences; and (3) the basis for collaborative initiatives with Louisiana Economic Development and private industry.

CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2010-11 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND PLAN AND BUDGET

On motion of Regent D’Aquin, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board unanimously voted to approve the FY 2010-11 Board of Regents Support Fund Plan and Budget, including contingency plans for shortfall and a surplus as presented.

RESTORATION OF UNEXPENDED RESERVE FUNDS TO THE FY 2009-10 BoRSF ALLOTMENT FOR THE TRADITIONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM COMPONENT

On motion of Regent Stelly, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs staff to redirect the \$2.3 million in matching money from the Reserve Fund previously allocated for proposals from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Southern University-Baton Rouge to increase the amount available for expenditure in the BoRSF FY 2009-10 Traditional Enhancement Program component by \$2.3 million.

BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND (BoRSF) SUBCOMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION

On motion of Regent D'Aquin, seconded by Regent Brame, the Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs staff to appoint Dr. Kevin Carman, Dean of the College of Basic Sciences, LSU-BR, to the BoRSF EPSCoR Subcommittee.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION BY THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER
EDUCATION

Dr. Clausen stated that due to the current economic situation, other State agencies have offered incentive packages to their employees for early retirement. She wants the Regents' employees to have the same opportunity.

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent D'Aquin, the Board unanimously voted to support the Commissioner of Higher Education to investigate and offer to Regents' employees an incentive package for early retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.