

Board of Regents Minutes

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

October 26, 2005

On behalf of Regent Raspberry, Chair of the Sponsored Programs Committee, Mr. John Wallin, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration, presented motions from the Sponsored Programs Committee Report of October 26, 2005.

IdeA NETWORKS OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (INBRE) AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH - Dr. Harold Silverman, Vice Chancellor for Research, LSU-Baton Rouge

Mr. Wallin stated that Dr. Harold Silverman, LSU-Baton Rouge, gave a brief overall description of a new \$16.9 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

KATRINA/RITA-RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS AND UPDATES

Postponement in the Development of the 2006-2013 BoRSF Strategic Plan

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve extension of the FY 1999-00 through 2005-06 BoRSF Strategic Plan for one year. The 2006-08 through 2013-14 Strategic Plan, to be prepared during 2006, will be formulated with due consideration given to hurricane-related impacts.

Changes in BoRSF Deadlines and Regulations for the FY 2005-06 Cycle

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Levy, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve changes in deadlines and regulations relative to the FY 2005-06 BoRSF competitive cycle.

Activities of the Post-Katrina/Rita STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Task Force

- Establishment and Organization of the Task Force

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Smith, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve the organization and membership of the Post-Katrina/Rita Research (and Related Infrastructure) Task Force. The Task

Force will advise the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Board of Regents regarding hurricane-related STEM research matters.

- White Papers to Federal Funding Agencies

Mr. Wallin noted that the Task Force assisted in the preparation of a White Paper requested by the National Science Foundation. He said the Task Force would also prepare white papers for submission to other Federal agencies such as the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Department of Agriculture, National Institutes of Health, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Wallin noted that the Commissioner of Higher Education would include the white paper as a component of his comprehensive post-secondary presentation.

- Publicized Research Activities Regarding Hurricane-Related Impacts

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Henry, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Sponsored Programs Committee to approve two overlapping forums during calendar years 2006 and 2007. The forums will be funded using \$35,000 which the National Science Foundation has recently provided through the EPSCoR Operational Grant, plus up to \$100,000 from the Support Fund.

K-16 Partnerships for School Reform Workshop, October 10, 2005

Mr. Wallin noted that an update was given by Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, about the October 10, 2005, K-16 Partnerships for Reform Workshop.

REQUEST FROM THE LOUISIANA SPACE CONSORTIUM FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE “LaSPACE INITIATIVE IN RADIATION ASTROBIOLOGY” (LIRA)

On motion of Regent Raspberry, seconded by Regent Strong, 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 component of the Goddard Space Flight Center proposal entitled “LaSPACE Initiative in Radiation Astrobiology.” The amount of cash match provided shall be

\$100,000 per year, for a total of \$500,000 for the five-year duration of the award. Matching funds are to be provided only if NASA funding is received.

**ADOPTION OF THE SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT OF
OCTOBER 26, 2005**

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