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AGENDA

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

10:30 a.m.

The Claiborne Building
Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Board of Regents Support Fund: Comprehensive Briefing
- IV. Preliminary Consideration: Concept of Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships Subprogram
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment

Committee Members: Roy Martin III, Chair; William Fenstermaker, Vice Chair; Raymond Brandt; Chris Gorman; Edward Markle; Albert Sam II

AGENDA ITEM III

Board of Regents Support Fund: Comprehensive Briefing

Background Information

The Constitutionally established Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund (LEQTF) has twin goals for higher education: promote academic excellence and economic development. The Louisiana Constitution authorizes the Board of Regents to achieve these goals through the following four (4) major programs:

- 1. Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars**
- 2. Enhancement**
- 3. Research and Development**
- 4. Recruitment of Superior Graduate Fellows**

Using interest earnings from the LEQTF, which the Treasurer allocates annually, the Board pursues fulfillment of these goals by allocating monies to public and independent campuses through the Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF), which currently comprises thirteen (13) subprograms within the four Constitutionally designated programs, as follows:

- 1. Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars**
 - Endowed Chairs
- 2. Enhancement**
 - a. Traditional Enhancement
 - b. Federal Matching
 - c. Undergraduate Enhancement
 - d. Endowed Professorships
 - e. Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions
 - f. Endowed First-Generation Undergraduate Scholarships
- 3. Research and Development**
 - a. Research Competitiveness Subprogram
 - b. Industrial Ties Research Subprogram
 - c. Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram
- 4. Recruitment of Superior Graduate Fellows**
 - a. Traditional Graduate Fellows
 - b. Graduate Fellowships for Teachers
 - c. BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity

Staff Summary

Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, will provide a comprehensive briefing on the Support Fund's structure, programs, and budgets. The following

campus and system representatives will be available, along with staff, to help respond to questions and offer insights:

- Carolyn Hargrave (formerly Louisiana State University and A&M College), Louisiana State University System
- Derrick Manns, Louisiana Community and Technical College System
- Ramesh Kolluru (University of Louisiana at Lafayette), University of Louisiana System
- Patrick Mensah (Southern University and A&M College), Southern University System
- Yvette Jones (Tulane University), Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
- Stuart Bell, Louisiana State University and A&M College

Senior Staff Recommendation

No action required.

AGENDA ITEM IV

Preliminary Consideration: Concept of Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships Subprogram

Staff Summary

In considering the filling of vacant Endowed Professorships, some campuses have indicated that a greater need exists for graduate student scholarship support. Accordingly, Chair Roy Martin has requested staff to: (1) recommend a competitive endowed graduate student scholarship program; and (2) permit the conversion of previously matched Endowed Professorships to scholarships on a non-competitive, non-punitive basis.

The staff suggests that the Board solicit advice regarding “Policy Content” and “Procedures” from Sponsored Programs Committee/Board members and invited guests on March 26 (see attached graphics).

Senior Staff Recommendation

No action required.

CONCEPT OF ENDOWED SUPERIOR GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS SUBPROGRAM SUGGESTED APPROACH

➤ Policy Content

- Establish competitive Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship subprogram, effective July 2015
- Develop detailed guidelines: staff/Planning Committee (spring/summer 2014)
- Permit previously matched Endowed Professorships to be converted to Endowed Graduate Student Scholarships
 - Conversions completed on a non-competitive basis
 - Professorships in process of conversion excluded from vacancy calculations (use of existing waiver provision)

CONCEPT OF ENDOWED SUPERIOR GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS SUBPROGRAM SUGGESTED APPROACH

➤ **Timetable and Procedures**

- Board approval of new subprogram in concept and outline:
April 2014
- Board approval of final policy: September/October 2014