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**AGENDA**  
**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

10:30 a.m.

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Sponsored Programs Policy Revision: BoRSF Planning Committee Membership
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - A. Appointment of Endowed Chair Holder without National Search: Tulane University Health Sciences Center
  - B. Conversion of Three Matched Endowed Chairs to Endowed Professorships: Louisiana State University and A&M College
  - C. Removal of Chair from FY 2015-16 Vacancy Rate Calculation: University of Louisiana at Monroe
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment

**Committee Members:** Roy Martin III, Chair; Joseph Wiley, Vice Chair; Raymond Brandt; Marty Chabert; William Fenstermaker; Benson Kinney; Edward Markle

## AGENDA ITEM III

### **Sponsored Programs Policy Revision: BoRSF Planning Committee Membership**

#### **Background Information**

The Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) Planning Committee provides advice and guidance to the Board of Regents and the Sponsored Programs Section relative to the management and operation of the BoRSF, as well as other matters pertaining to Sponsored Programs. The Planning Committee is comprised of two members from each public and independent higher education system, as well as representatives from State agencies with interests in science, culture, and economic development.

#### **Staff Summary**

Membership on the BoRSF Planning Committee is established in the Board of Regents Sponsored Programs policy Section II.C.2.b, which states:

The BoRSF Planning Committee shall be comprised of the following members: two representatives from each of the public systems of higher education, two representatives from the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, two representatives from business and industry, the Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, the Associate Commissioner for Research, the Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration, and one representative each from the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium; the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities; the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; the Department of Natural Resources; the Department of Agriculture; the Department of Economic Development; and the Louisiana Workforce Commission. The Committee chair and vice chair shall be elected by the membership.

At the Planning Committee's July 27, 2016 meeting, Ms. Julie Falgout, President and CEO of the UL Lafayette Foundation, petitioned the Committee to add a member representing all higher education foundations in the State, indicating that the informal statewide organization of higher education foundations wished to appoint one participant from the group to voice foundations' collective interests in Support Fund decision-making. The Planning Committee unanimously voted to recommend this addition to the Board.

#### **Senior Staff Recommendation**

**Senior Staff recommends approval of the addition of one member representing all higher education foundations, to be nominated by the informal statewide organization of such foundations, to the BoRSF Planning Committee membership and appropriate revision of Section II.C.2.b to include the added member.**

## AGENDA ITEM IV.A

### **Request for Endowed Chair Appointment without National Search: Tulane University Health Sciences Center**

#### **Background Information**

At its January 12, 2015 meeting, the Board unanimously approved the following revision to the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars policy:

**Effective immediately, all campuses shall provide documentation to the Commissioner of Higher Education that each Chair vacancy is being filled – whether externally or internally – following a national search. Any request for waiver of this policy shall be made in writing to the Commissioner of Higher Education and reviewed by external consultants. Upon receipt of the consultants’ response, the Commissioner will provide a formal recommendation for consideration and approval by the Board of Regents. Board approval of the waiver must be provided prior to appointment of the chairholder. The Board reserves the right to render a campus not in compliance with this policy to be ineligible for new Endowed Chairs funds.**

#### **Staff Summary**

In accordance with this policy, Tulane University Health Sciences Center has submitted a request for a waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement, to appoint Dr. Song-Gui Yang to the Edward G. Schlieder Educational Foundation Chair in Pediatric Cardiology. The Chair became vacant when the previous appointee, Dr. Vitor Guerra, left the campus to pursue other opportunities. Tulane has scaled back its cardiology initiative in the School of Medicine, and retention of Dr. Yang is critical to maintaining the unit and providing leadership for the future.

Documentation outlining Dr. Yang’s qualifications was provided to Dr. Roy Koenigsknecht, professor emeritus at the Ohio State University and chair of the BoRSF Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars review panel. Dr. Koenigsknecht concluded that this appointment is appropriate and recommended approval; Dr. Joseph C. Rallo, Commissioner of Higher Education, concurred.

#### **Senior Staff Recommendation**

**The Senior Staff recommends approval of Tulane University Health Sciences Center’s request to appoint Dr. Song-Gui Yang to the Edward G. Schlieder Educational Foundation Chair in Pediatric Cardiology. As stipulated in Board policy, the Letter of Appointment of Dr. Yang to the Schlieder Chair must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.**

## AGENDA ITEM IV.B

### Conversion of Three Matched Endowed Chairs to Endowed Professorships: Louisiana State University and A&M College

#### Background Information

In August 2011, the Board of Regents approved a policy to permit the division of Endowed Chairs funds to establish Endowed Professorships at a minimum level of \$250,000. Pursuant to this policy, several campuses have divided Endowed Chairs into high-level Professorships.

#### Staff Summary

Louisiana State University and A&M College requests to divide three matched \$1 million Endowed Chairs, currently vacant, into multiple Endowed Professorships, as follows:

- M. F. Gautreaux/Ethyl Corporation Endowed Chair of Chemical Engineering (established FY 1989-90) into M. F. Gautreaux/Albemarle Foundation Professorship #1 and #2, each with a corpus value of \$500,000;
- Roy S. Sullins Endowed Chair of Petroleum Engineering (established FY 2005-06) into Roy S. Sullins Endowed Professorship #1 (corpus value \$500,000), #2 (corpus value \$250,000), and #3 (corpus value \$250,000); and
- Alvin C. Copeland Endowed Chair of Franchising (established FY 1989-90) into Alvin C. Copeland Professorship of Business #1 and #2, each with a corpus value of \$500,000.

Original donors and the LSU Board of Supervisors have endorsed these conversions. The staff supports LSU A&M's request and applauds its recognition of the value of establishing Professorships at higher corpus levels.

#### Senior Staff Recommendation

**Consistent with Board of Regents policies, the Senior Staff recommends approval of the conversion of three matched \$1 million Endowed Chairs into Endowed Professorships, as follows:**

- **M. F. Gautreaux/Ethyl Corporation Endowed Chair of Chemical Engineering (established FY 1989-90) into M. F. Gautreaux/Albemarle Foundation Professorship #1 and #2, each with a corpus value of \$500,000;**
- **Roy S. Sullins Endowed Chair of Petroleum Engineering (established FY 2005-06) into Roy S. Sullins Endowed Professorship #1 (corpus value \$500,000), #2 (corpus value \$250,000), and #3 (corpus value \$250,000); and**
- **Alvin C. Copeland Endowed Chair of Franchising (established FY 1989-90) into Alvin C. Copeland Professorship of Business #1 and #2, each with a corpus value of \$500,000.**

## **AGENDA ITEM IV.C**

### **Removal of Chair from FY 2015-16 Vacancy Rate Calculation: University of Louisiana at Monroe**

#### **Background Information**

The BoRSF Endowed Chairs program determines annual campus eligibility based on long-term vacancies, as follows: “If a campus’s percentage of vacancies of greater than two years’ duration in the Endowed Chairs program exceeds 20%, that campus shall not be eligible to submit proposals for additional Endowed Chairs matches during that year.”

#### **Staff Summary**

The University of Louisiana at Monroe requests a waiver to exempt the Tom and Mayme Scott Endowed Chair in Clinical Pharmacy Practice from the calculation of vacancy rate for the FY 2015-16 reporting cycle. The Chair became vacant in July 2014, when the previous chairholder retired. Efforts to hire a highly qualified candidate identified through a national search during 2015-16 were unsuccessful, and the campus is fully committed to filling the Chair during 2016-17. To ensure success, UL Monroe has developed an improved compensation package competitive in the national marketplace.

#### **Senior Staff Recommendation**

**The Senior Staff recommends approval of UL Monroe’s request to exempt the Tom and Mayme Scott Endowed Chair in Clinical Pharmacy Practice from the calculation of vacancy rate for the FY 2015-16 reporting cycle.**