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AGENDA
SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 21, 2018
10:05 a.m.

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: University of New Orleans
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Edward Markle, Chair; Thomas Henning, Vice Chair; Marty Chabert; Charles McDonald; Darren Mire; Sonia Pérez; T. Jay Seale III; Adarian Williams

AGENDA ITEM III.A.

Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: University of New Orleans

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

The Edward G. Schlieder Endowed Chair for Higher Education and Health Initiatives is a \$1,000,000 Chair matched by the Board of Regents Support Fund in FY 1995-96. The Chair was vacated by the most recent holder, Dr. Peter Fos, upon his retirement in 2016. In accordance with current policy, the University of New Orleans has requested waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement to appoint Dr. Elyria Kemp, Associate Professor of Marketing in the Department of Management and Marketing, to the Schlieder Chair. Donor permission was granted for the internal appointment. Documentation outlining Dr. Kemp's qualifications was provided to an external reviewer, who concluded that this appointment is appropriate and recommended approval; the Commissioner of Higher Education concurred.

Senior Staff Recommendation

The Senior Staff recommends approval of University of New Orleans' request to appoint Dr. Elyria Kemp to the Edward G. Schlieder Endowed Chair for Higher Education and Health Initiatives without a national search. As stipulated in Board policy, a Letter of Appointment to Dr. Kemp must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.