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

Thursday, September 22, 2016  
10:20 a.m.

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Transfer of BoRSF Match to Previously Unmatched Chair and Distribution of Associated Earnings: University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- IV. Consent Agenda
  - A. Appointments of Endowed Chairholders without National Search
    1. Louisiana State University and A&M College
    2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette
  - B. Conversion of Matched Endowed Professorship to Endowed Graduate Student Scholarship: LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans
- 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

### **Transfer of BoRSF Match to Previously Unmatched Chair and Distribution of Associated Earnings: University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

#### **Background Information**

The BoRSF Endowed Chairs program provides matching funds to a non-State contribution to establish Chairs with a corpus value of \$1,000,000 or above. The intent of the program is to generate income on endowment accounts for use by faculty appointees to support professional activities and enhance their academic and/or research productivity.

#### **Staff Summary**

The Paula Chavers Rockhold/BORSF Chair in Child Development was matched by the BoRSF in FY 2007-08 to provide faculty support to enhance the Picard Center for Child Development. In 2016 the original donor withdrew the \$600,000 non-State contribution to the Chair, leaving the \$400,000 BoRSF match and associated unexpended earnings of \$90,928 unattached to an eligible endowment. UL Lafayette has identified a single unmatched Endowed Chair – the College of Engineering Eminent Scholar Chair in Bioprocessing – initially intended for submittal for funding consideration in FY 2016-17, and request that this Chair be completed with the transfer of the \$400,000 original match to the Rockhold Chair. As part of this request the campus submitted a full proposal for the College of Engineering Chair, which was assessed by Dr. Richard Seagrave, Emeritus Professor and President of Iowa State University and member of the Endowed Chairs review panel. Dr. Seagrave advised staff that the proposal is worthy of funding, on the condition that the campus provide assurance that an appropriate salary line will be pledged to the Chair in accordance with Board policy requirements.

In addition, UL Lafayette has requested that the \$90,928 in unexpended earnings associated with the BoRSF match to the Rockhold Chair be transferred to the Alex & Loretta Durand Theriot, Jr./BORSF Chair in Civil Engineering. This transfer will increase the fund balance to a level at which the Theriot Chair, a position well aligned with campus priorities and areas of excellence, may be immediately awarded to a qualified faculty candidate and its expendable funds put to use. The campus has already identified an internal candidate for the Chair whose qualifications exceed those required (see Agenda Item V.A.2).

Both actions related to the Rockhold Chair are pending consideration by the UL System Board of Supervisors; Board of Regents approval, if granted, will be contingent on UL System Board approval at a later date.

#### **Senior Staff Recommendation**

**Contingent on subsequent approval by the UL System Board of Supervisors and receipt of appropriate assurance of a salary line consistent with program policy requirements, Senior Staff recommends approval of the transfer of \$400,000 in BoRSF matching funds originally provided to the Paula Chavers Rockhold/BORSF Chair in Child Development, to complete the match for the**

**College of Engineering Eminent Scholar Chair in Bioprocessing. Further, the Senior Staff recommends transfer of \$90,928 in unexpended earnings previously associated with the Rockhold Chair to the Alex & Loretta Durand Theriot, Jr./BORSF Chair in Civil Engineering. The Paula Chavers Rockhold/BORSF Chair in Child Development as matched by the BoRSF is dissolved by these actions.**

## AGENDA ITEM IV.A

### Appointments of Endowed Chairholders without National Search

#### **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.**

#### **1. Louisiana State University and A&M College**

#### **Staff Summary**

In accordance with this policy, Louisiana State University and A&M College has submitted two requests for waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement, to make the following appointments:

- Dr. George Voyiadjis to the Freeport-McMoRan Endowed Chair in the College of Engineering. The Chair has been vacant for several years, and Dr. Voyiadjis, currently a highly productive Boyd Professor, was selected after a careful internal search.
- Dr. Sophie Warny to the AASP Chair in Paleopalynology. The Chair has been vacant since 2006, and Dr. Warny’s superior scholarly performance and reputation have made her an appropriate appointee.

Documentation outlining both prospective chairholders’ qualifications was provided to Dr. Roy Koenigsnecht, professor emeritus at the Ohio State University and chair of the BoRSF Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars review panel. Dr. Koenigsnecht concluded that these appointments are appropriate and recommended approval; Dr. Joseph C. Rallo, Commissioner of Higher Education, concurred.

#### **Senior Staff Recommendation**

**The Senior Staff recommends approval of Louisiana State University and A&M College’s request to appoint Dr. George Voyiadjis to the Freeport-McMoRan Endowed Chair in the College of Engineering and Dr. Sophie Warny to the AASP Chair in Paleopalynology. As stipulated in Board policy, a Letter of Appointment to each chairholder must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.**

## 2. University of Louisiana at Lafayette

### **Staff Summary**

In accordance with the above policy, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has requested waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement, to appoint Dr. Emad Habib to the Alex & Loretta Durand Theriot, Jr./BORSF Chair in Civil Engineering. Documentation outlining Dr. Habib'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 the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's request to appoint Dr. Emad Habib to the Alex & Loretta Durand Theriot, Jr./BORSF Chair in Civil Engineering. As stipulated in Board policy, a Letter of Appointment to Dr. Habib must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.**

## **AGENDA ITEM IV.B**

### **Conversion of Matched Endowed Professorship to Endowed Graduate Student Scholarship: LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans**

#### **Background Information**

At its meeting of September 25, 2014, the Board of Regents inaugurated the Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships subprogram. The approved policy permits campuses to convert previously matched Endowed Chairs and Professorships to Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarships on a non-competitive, non-punitive basis.

#### **Staff Summary**

The LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans requests that the Dean Fontham Scholars Professorship, a \$100,000 Professorship established in FY 2013-14 through BoRSF match to a donation by former Dean Elizabeth Fontham, be converted to an Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship. Dr. Fontham has agreed to the conversion, indicating her original intention that the donation be used to establish a graduate student scholarship, and the conversion has been approved by the LSU Board of Supervisors.

#### **Senior Staff Recommendation**

**Consistent with program policy, the Senior Staff recommends approval of the conversion of the Dean Fontham Scholars Professorship to the Dean Fontham Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship.**