

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS
AGENDA ITEM VI.E.1.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 Marshall Plan Anniversary Chair in Austrian Studies is a \$1,000,000 Chair matched by the Board of Regents Support Fund in FY 1999-2000, which was recently vacated by its previous holder. In accordance with current policy, the University of New Orleans has requested waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement to appoint Dr. Günter Bischof, professor in the Department of History and Director of CenterAustria, to the Marshall Plan Chair. Documentation outlining Dr. Bischof'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. Günter Bischof to the Marshall Plan Anniversary Chair in Austrian Studies without a national search. As stipulated in Board policy, a Letter of Appointment to Dr. Bischof must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.

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**Request for Consolidation of Endowed Chairs:
University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

Background Information

The BoRSF Endowed Chairs Program Policy states that “An institution may petition BoR for permission to consolidate two or more extant chairs. The petition must document clearly the reasons for the request and must include, at a minimum, a strong rationale for the consolidation of the chairs and the written concurrence of the original donor or the donor’s legal representative. There are no limits on the number of extant chairs that may be consolidated into a single slot.”

Staff Summary

Based on BoRSF policy, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette requests to consolidate four matched \$1 million Chairs into two \$2 million Chairs as follows:

- The W. Hanson Hall Memorial/BoRSF Chair in Telecommunications and the W. Hansen Hall Memorial/BoRSF Chair in Computer Engineering, both \$1 million endowments funded as restricted bequests in FY 2000-01, into the W. Hansen Hall Memorial/BoRSF Chair in Electrical and Computer Engineering; and
- The U.S.L. Engineering Eminent Scholars Trust Fund and the College of Engineering Eminent Scholar Chair in Bioprocessing, \$1 million endowments funded in 1991-92 and 2016-17, respectively, into the Bioprocess Engineering Eminent Scholar/BoRSF Chair in Chemical Engineering.

In both cases the campus indicates donor permission is not required. For the Hall Chairs, the original donors are deceased; The Bioprocess Engineering Chair combines a Chair matched with funds from a legal settlement with a Chair established through a fundraiser, with the majority of funds contributed by businesses now defunct. The University of Louisiana System will take up these requests at a meeting later in 2017, so Board of Regents approval, if granted, will be conditional on System Board approval.

Senior Staff Recommendation

The Senior Staff recommends approval, contingent on University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors’ concurrence, of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette’s request to consolidate four matched Endowed Chairs into two Endowed Chairs as follows:

- **The W. Hanson Hall Memorial/BoRSF Chair in Telecommunications and the W. Hansen Hall Memorial/BoRSF Chair in Computer Engineering, both \$1 million endowments funded as restricted bequests in FY 2000-01, into the W. Hansen Hall Memorial/BoRSF Chair in Electrical and Computer Engineering, with a corpus value of \$2 million; and**
- **The U.S.L. Engineering Eminent Scholars Trust Fund and the College of Engineering Eminent Scholar Chair in Bioprocessing, \$1 million endowments funded in 1991-92 and 2016-**

17, respectively, into the Bioprocess Engineering Eminent Scholar/BoRSF Chair in Chemical Engineering, with a corpus value of \$2 million.