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AGENDA

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Friday, February 24, 2017

10:35 a.m.

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Refocusing of Endowed Chairs: University of New Orleans
 - B. Appointments of Endowed Chairholders without National Search
 - 1. LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans
 - 2. Loyola University New Orleans
 - 3. University of New Orleans
 - C. Conversion of Matched Endowed Chair to Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship: Pennington Biomedical Research Center
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Edward Markle, Chair; Thomas Henning, Vice Chair; Marty Chabert; Darren Mire; Benson Kinney; Roy Martin III; T. Jay Seale

AGENDA ITEM III.A

Consent Agenda: Refocusing of Endowed Chairs – University of New Orleans

Background Information

BoRSF Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars are typically established in particular disciplines or specialties of interest to the donor, and approved for match based on the campus's argument for the viability and significance of the focus area. As academic disciplines evolve, often the foci of Chairs must evolve as well, to continue each Chair's alignment with areas of importance to the campus and the State.

Staff Summary

The University of New Orleans holds several chairs broadly grouped around wildlife conservation and sustainability. Two chairs – the Doris Zemurray Stone Endowed Chair in Reproductive Biology and Species Preservation and the Virginia Kock/Audubon Institute Chair in Species Survival and Preservation – were established to support the Audubon Nature Institute's focus in assistive reproductive technology, an area the Institute is no longer pursuing at the Audubon Species Survival Center. With donor permission or approval of heirs or assigns as appropriate, the campus proposes the following modifications:

- Refocus the Doris Zemurray Stone Endowed Chair in Reproductive Biology and Species Preservation as the Doris Zemurray Stone Endowed Chair in Biodiversity; and
- Refocus the Virginia Kock/Audubon Institute Chair in Species Survival and Preservation as the Virginia Kock/Audubon Institute Chair in Species Survival with an emphasis on vertebrate physiology and behavior.

Senior Staff Recommendation

The Senior Staff recommends approval of the University of New Orleans' request to modify two existing Endowed Chairs as follows:

- **Refocus the Doris Zemurray Stone Endowed Chair in Reproductive Biology and Species Preservation as the Doris Zemurray Stone Endowed Chair in Biodiversity; and**
- **Refocus the Virginia Kock/Audubon Institute Chair in Species Survival and Preservation as the Virginia Kock/Audubon Institute Chair in Species Survival with an emphasis on vertebrate physiology and behavior.**

AGENDA ITEM III.B

Consent Agenda: Appointment of 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.

Staff Summary

1. LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans

The Elaine A. Doré Endowed Chair in Orthopaedics was matched by the Board of Regents Support Fund in FY 2000-01. The Chair was established to complement research in the Orthopaedics Department with an emphasis on trauma and to interface with the academic hospital.

In accordance with current policy, LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans has requested waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement to appoint Dr. Peter C. Krause, Vice Chair of the Department of Orthopaedics and Director of Orthopaedic Trauma at University Medical Center, to the Doré Chair. Documentation outlining Dr. Krause'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 LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans' request to appoint Dr. Peter C. Krause to the Elaine A. Doré Endowed Chair in Orthopaedics without a national search. As stipulated in Board policy, a Letter of Appointment to Dr. Krause must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.

2. Loyola University New Orleans

The Gerald N. Gaston Eminent Scholar Chair in International Business was matched by the Board of Regents Support Fund in FY 2000-01 and has been filled in the past, most recently by Dr. Len Treviño.

In accordance with current policy, Loyola University has requested waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement to appoint Dr. William Locander, Dean of the College of Business, to the Gaston Chair. Documentation outlining Dr. Locander'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 Loyola University New Orleans' request to appoint Dr. William Locander to the Gerald N. Gaston Eminent Scholar Chair in International Business without a national search. As stipulated in Board policy, a Letter of Appointment to Dr. Locander must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.

3. University of New Orleans

The University of New Orleans (UNO) holds a cluster of chairs related to wildlife conservation and sustainability. The campus has carefully considered the role of these chairs in relation to one another and the campus's strategic priorities and requests to use these chairs complementarily, in support of a new collaborative initiative: the University of New Orleans & Audubon Nature Institute Sustainable Wildlife Program. Accordingly, UNO requested waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement to fill the following four BoRSF-matched chairs through internal appointments:

- GNOF Endowed Chair in Aquatic Conservation: Dr. Bernard Rees
- Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Chair in Wildlife Sustainability: Dr. Nicola Anthony
- Doris Zemurray Stone Endowed Chair in Biodiversity: Dr. Carla M. Penz
- Virginia Kock/Audubon Institute Chair in Species Survival: Dr. Simon Lailvaux

Documentation outlining the qualifications of each proposed chairholder was provided to an external reviewer, who concluded that these appointments are appropriate and recommended approval; the Commissioner of Higher Education concurred. The external reviewer further commended UNO on its strategic use of multiple chairs to focus a core of faculty excellence in a priority area.

Senior Staff Recommendation

The Senior Staff recommends approval of the University of New Orleans' request to appoint internal candidates to four (4) BoRSF-matched Endowed Chairs, as follows:

- **GNOF Endowed Chair in Aquatic Conservation: Dr. Bernard Rees, Professor of Biological Sciences;**
- **Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Endowed Chair in Wildlife Sustainability: Dr. Nicola Anthony, Professor of Biological Sciences;**
- **Doris Zemurray Stone Endowed Chair in Biodiversity: Dr. Carla M. Penz, Professor of Biological Sciences; and**
- **Virginia Kock/Audubon Institute Chair in Species Survival: Dr. Simon Lailvaux, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences.**

AGENDA ITEM III.C

Consent Agenda: Conversion of Matched Endowed Chair to Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship: Pennington Biomedical Research Center

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. Graduate Student Scholarships may be used to support students in any level of graduate education, as well as post-doctoral fellows.

Staff Summary

Pennington Biomedical Research Center requests that the John S. McIlhenny Endowed Chair in Health Wisdom, a \$1,000,000 Chair matched by the BoRSF in FY 2003-04, be converted to an Endowed Superior Graduate Student Scholarship, named the John S. McIlhenny Endowed Postdoctoral Fellowship. The corpus value of the resulting endowed scholarship will be \$1,000,000. The original non-State donor and the LSU Board of Supervisors have endorsed the conversion.

Senior Staff Recommendation

Consistent with program policy, the Senior Staff recommends approval of the conversion of the John S. McIlhenny Endowed Chair in Health Wisdom to the John S. McIlhenny Endowed Postdoctoral Fellowship, with a corpus value of \$1,000,000.