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**AGENDA**

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

**10:45 a.m.**

Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100  
Claiborne Building, 1st Floor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
  - A. Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: Louisiana State University and A&M College
  - B. Division of Super Endowed Chair: LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans
- IV. Other Business
  - A. Louis Stokes Louisiana Alliance for Minority Participation (LS-LAMP)
- V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Sonia Pérez, Chair, Collis Temple III, Vice Chair, Blake David, William Jewell, Charles McDonald, Darren Mire, T. Jay Seale III, and Felix Weill

## AGENDA ITEM III.A.

### **Appointment of Endowed Chairholders without National Search: Louisiana State University and A&M College**

#### **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 Gordon A. Cain Chair in the Center for Scientific, Technological, Engineering and Mathematical [STEM] Literacy, a \$2 million Chair matched by the Board of Regents Support Fund in FY 2001-02, has recently become vacant. In accordance with current policy, LSU and A&M College has requested waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement to appoint Dr. Frank Neubrandner, a national leader mathematics education, to the Chair. Dr. Neubrandner has served in exemplary fashion at LSU and A&M College for 23 years and currently is director of the Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy. Dr. Neubrandner's qualifications were reviewed and determined to be appropriate to requirements outlined in the Endowed Chairs program policy.

#### **Senior Staff Recommendation**

**The Senior Staff recommends approval of Louisiana State University and A&M College's request to appoint Dr. Frank Neubrandner, Director of the Gordon A. Cain Center for STEM Literacy, to the Gordon A. Cain Chair in the Center for Scientific, Technological, Engineering and Mathematical [STEM] Literacy without a national search. As stipulated in Board policy, the Letter of Appointment to Dr. Neubrandner must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.**

## **AGENDA ITEM III.B.**

### **Division and Restructuring of Endowed Chair: LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans**

#### **Background Information**

The Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Chairs program provides state matching to private-sector contributions to create endowed supplementary support for highly productive senior faculty at a minimum level of \$1,000,000.

#### **Staff Summary**

The Kenneth Ardoin/Pfizer Superchair of Basic Cardiovascular Research is a \$2 million chair matched by the BoRSF in FY 2001-02 to support the study of cardiovascular disease. The Chair has remained vacant for many years, despite strategic realignment efforts by the campus following Hurricane Katrina. After discussions with the non-State donor, the campus agreed that refocusing the existing superchair into two chairs – one continuing emphasis on cardiovascular research and a second to support translational biomedical research – would best align with current strategic priorities. Resulting from the split, each chair will have a corpus of \$1,000,000.

#### **Senior Staff Recommendation**

**The Senior Staff recommends approval of LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans’ request to divide the Kenneth Ardoin/Pfizer Superchair of Basic Cardiovascular Research into two (2) \$1 million chairs, named the Kenneth Ardoin/Pfizer Chair of Basic Cardiovascular Research and Kenneth Ardoin/Pfizer Chair in Translational Biomedical Research, each with a corpus of \$1,000,000.**