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**AGENDA**

**RESEARCH AND SPONSORED INITIATIVES COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 23, 2022  
11:05 a.m.

Claiborne Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Louisiana Purchase, Room 1-100  
1201 North Third Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
  - A. Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: LSU and A&M College
- IV. Other Business
- V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Felix R. Weill, Chair; Phillip R. May, Jr., Vice Chair; Stephanie A. Finley; Darren G. Mire; T. Jay Seale III; Gary N. Solomon, Jr.  
Staff: Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs

## **AGENDA ITEM III.A.**

### **Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: LSU 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 William W. Rucks, IV Endowed Chair of Management, a \$2 million Chair at Louisiana State University and A&M College matched by the Board of Regents Support Fund in FY 2000-01, recently became vacant upon the death of its previous occupant. LSU A&M is requesting to appoint Dr. Thomas Greckhamer to the Rucks Chair without a national search. Dr. Greckhamer, on the LSU faculty since 2005 and promoted to full professor in 2017, is a highly productive and nationally accomplished expert in the field of Management and LSU A&M is confident that he would be selected to hold the Rucks Chair if a national search were to be conducted. Dr. Greckhamer's qualifications and experience have been reviewed and deemed appropriate to requirements outlined in the Endowed Chairs program policy for appointment of an internal candidate without a national search.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Senior Staff recommends approval of Louisiana State University and A&M College's request to appoint Dr. Thomas Greckhamer to the William W. Rucks, IV Endowed Chair of Management without a national search. As stipulated in Board policy, the Letter of Appointment to Dr. Greckhamer must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.**