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AGENDA

RESEARCH AND SPONSORED INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

12:00 p.m.

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor
Thomas Jefferson Rooms A&B 1-136
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
 - A. Appointment of Endowed Chairholders without National Search: University of Louisiana at Monroe
- IV. Louisiana Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund Update and Overview of Louisiana's Cybersecurity Landscape
- V. Other Business
- VI. 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 Chairholders without National Search: University of Louisiana at Monroe

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

UL Monroe requests to waive the national search requirement for two chairs, to appoint highly qualified faculty already on campus:

- The Kitty DeGree Eminent Scholars Chair in Nursing, a \$1 million chair matched by the Board of Regents Support Fund in FY 1990-91.
- The Susan D. and William S. Banowsky, Jr. Endowed Chair of Accounting, a \$1 million chair matched by the Board of Regents Support Fund in FY 2020-21.

UL Monroe asks to name Dr. Wendy Bailes, Director of the School of Nursing, to the Kitty DeGree Eminent Scholars Chair in Nursing and Dr. Michelle McEacharn, Dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences, to the Susan D. and William S. Banowsky, Jr. Endowed Chair of Accounting without conducting national searches. The prospective chairholders' 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 the University of Louisiana at Monroe's request to appoint Dr. Wendy Bailes to the Kitty DeGree Eminent Scholars Chair in Nursing and Dr. Michelle McEacharn to the Susan D. and William S. Banowsky, Jr. Endowed Chair of Accounting without conducting national searches. As stipulated in Board policy, Letters of Appointment to Dr. Bailes and Dr. McEacharn must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.

Agenda Item IV.

Louisiana Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund Update and Overview of Louisiana’s Cybersecurity Landscape

Background

Act 57 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session commissioned the Cybersecurity Education Management Council (CEMC) to guide Louisiana’s response to critical cybersecurity needs and created the Louisiana Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund (CTIF). The purpose of the Louisiana Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund is to provide a mechanism for donations and/or appropriations of funding to support the development of degree and certificate programs in cybersecurity fields offered by public postsecondary education institutions. The goal of the fund is to develop, train, produce, and retain Louisiana’s workforce-ready cybersecurity professionals and improve cybersecurity literacy across industry sectors through programmatic support to institutions.

Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund Distribution of Dollars, FY 2022-23

At its April 27 meeting, the Board of Regents approved the CEMC to select projects submitted to the CTIF for funding in FY 2022-23. As of the April 18 submission deadline, six campuses submitted one application each, requesting a total of \$1,359,201; the CITF was allocated \$1,000,000 for FY 2022-23 to support both new and sustained projects.

After careful review and scoring of all submissions based on guidelines in the Request for Applications, the CEMC voted to fund four sustained projects, as follows:

| Campus | Project Title | Funds Approved |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Bossier Parish Community College | Accelerated Cyber Technology Training (<i>ACTT</i>) | \$81,799* |
| LSU A&M | <i>FIREStarter 2L</i> : Developing Cyber Talent with Hands-on Experiences in Digital Forensics and Industrial Control Systems | \$344,397 |
| Louisiana Tech | <i>C-STEP</i> : Cybersecurity Talent Expansion Program | \$331,623 |
| Southern University System | Southern University System – Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Program (<i>SUS-CyberTIP</i>) | \$242,181 |

* Includes funding to support Fletcher Technical Community College’s adoption of the Bossier Parish Community College program.

Louisiana’s Cybersecurity Landscape

To provide context for the work of the CEMC and future discussions of cybersecurity education in the state, Dr. Tristan Denley, Deputy Commissioner for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will provide a survey of related programs and opportunities during the Committee meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only; no action is required.