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AGENDA
RESEARCH AND SPONSORED INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

12:45 p.m.

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor
Thomas Jefferson Room 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 Chairs without National Search: Tulane University and LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans
- IV. Louisiana Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund Awards
- V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Stephanie A. Finley, Chair; Phillip R. May, Jr., Vice Chair; Stephanie A. Finley; David J. Aubrey; 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: Tulane University and LSU Health Sciences Center – 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

Both LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans and Tulane University have requested to appoint chairholders without a national search, consistent with provisions in the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars program policy.

LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans has requested waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement to appoint an internal candidate – Dr. Gloria Peel Giarratano, Tenured Professor of Nursing – to the Tenet Health System/Jo Ellen Smith B.S.N. Chair of Nursing, a \$1,000,000 Chair matched in 2003-04 and vacant since January 2022. LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans confirms that the original donor of this Chair has approved the internal appointment as required in policy.

Tulane University requests to waive the national search requirement for the Jayne Ritchey Cohen Chair of Business Administration, a \$2 million chair matched by the Board of Regents Support Fund in FY 2000-21. The Chair has been vacant since 2021. Tulane requests to name Dr. Gans Narayanamoorthy, currently a full professor specializing in financial accounting and finance. Tulane staff indicate that the original donor is deceased, thus no donor approval of this request is needed.

The qualifications and experience of both proposed chairholders 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 requests from Tulane University and LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans to appoint chairholders to two BoRSF-matched Endowed Chairs without conducting a national search. As stipulated in Board policy, a copy of the Letter of Appointment to each chairholder must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.

AGENDA ITEM IV.

Louisiana Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund Awards

Background

Act 57 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session commissioned the Cybersecurity Education Management Council (CEMC) and created the Louisiana Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund. The purpose of the Louisiana Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund (CTIF) 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.

In FY 2022-23, the CTIF received \$1,000,000 in state general funds to be distributed based on recommendations of the CEMC. The CEMC released a request for applications to solicit submissions from any eligible public postsecondary institution.

Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund Distribution of Dollars

As of the April 17 submission deadline, ten campuses submitted one proposal each, requesting a total of \$1,533,293. Of these submissions, five were requests to sustain previously funded projects. Based on the scoring rubrics published in the RFA, CEMC members scored all applications and recommended funding in rank order, based on the total funding available and composite scores received.

Seven applications were recommended for funding, as detailed below:

Campus	Application Type	Funds Awarded
Bossier Parish Community College	Sustained	\$158,748
Grambling State University	New	\$175,745
LSU-Shreveport	Sustained	\$39,540
Louisiana Tech University	Sustained	\$339,946
McNeese State University	New	\$105,773
Northwestern Louisiana University	Sustained	\$40,125
Nunez Community College	New	\$140,123
TOTAL		\$1,000,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This item is for informational purposes only. No action is required.