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# Agenda

## Research and Sponsored Initiatives

Wednesday, September 24, 2025  
11:15 AM

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor ▪ Louisiana Purchase Room 1–100  
1201 N. Third St. ▪ Baton Rouge, LA 70802

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search:  
LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans
- IV. BoRSF Endowed Professorships Subprogram: Policy Revision
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment

Committee Members: Stephanie A. Finley, Chair; Wilbert D. Pryor, Vice  
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Staff: Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs

### **AGENDA ITEM III.**

#### **Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans**

##### **Background Information**

Since 2015 the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars policy has included a provision to waive the requirement that BoRSF-matched Endowed Chairs be filled as the result of a national search to allow an internal appointment to be made. This provision was updated in August 2024 to clarify the requirements of internal appointments and seek documentation verifying that any internal appointment is fulfilling the goals of the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars program. Institutions are limited in the number of waivers they may request in an academic year.

##### **Staff Summary**

LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans requests to appoint Dr. Gary Klasser, Professor in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences, to the Henry A. Gremillion, DDS Chair in Orofacial and Maxillofacial Pain, a \$1 million Chair matched by the BoRSF in 2019–20 that has been vacant since July 2020. Dr. Klasser has been on the faculty at LSUHSC–NO since 2011 and was promoted to full professor in 2017. This request is aligned with all policy requirements for such appointments and an external expert has affirmed that Dr. Klasser is a superior candidate for the Chair and would very likely win a national search, should one be conducted. If approved, this waiver request would represent the first of LSUHSC–NO’s two uses of the national search waiver provision in FY 2025–26.

##### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Senior Staff recommends approval of LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans’ request to waive the national search requirement to appoint Dr. Gary Klasser to the Henry A. Gremillion, DDS Chair in Orofacial and Maxillofacial Pain. As stipulated in Board policy, a copy of the Letter of Appointment sent to Dr. Klasser must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.**

## **AGENDA ITEM IV.**

### **BoRSF Endowed Professorships Subprogram: Policy Revision**

#### **Background Information**

The Endowed Professorships program provides BoRSF matching dollars on a non-competitive basis to eligible institutions with donor contributions that qualify per policy. Each institution annually submits a rank-order list of all Professorship slots awaiting match, along with affidavits and assurances documenting the match is on deposit for the stated purpose.

#### **Staff Summary**

The annual deadline for submission of Endowed Professorships is March 31, to ensure funding can be considered by the Board and funds distributed prior to the end of the fiscal year. Given the uncertainty around the continuation of the Board of Regents Support Fund, pending the April 18, 2026, vote on a constitutional amendment to repeal, in June 2025 the Regents approved an expedited funding cycle for FY 2025–26, with recommendations brought for consideration in March 2026. To ensure Endowed Professorships align with this timeline, staff request to change the deadline established in the Endowed Professorships pre-award policy from March 31 to February 28.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**Senior Staff recommends approval of a revision to the Endowed Professorships pre-award policy to change the deadline established in the Endowed Professorships pre-award policy from March 31 to February 28.**