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AGENDA

SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

10:45 a.m.

The Claiborne Building

Thomas Jefferson Room 1-136, Sections A&B
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. BoRSF Plan and Budget, FY 2017-18
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Refocusing of Endowed Chair: Centenary College of Louisiana
 - B. Appointments of Endowed Chairholders without National Search
 1. Tulane University
 2. Centenary College of Louisiana
 - C. Delinquent Reports: Sponsored Programs Contracts and Agreements
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment

Committee Members: Roy Martin III, Chair; Joseph Wiley, Vice Chair; Raymond Brandt; Marty Chabert; Benson Kinney; Edward Markle

AGENDA ITEM III

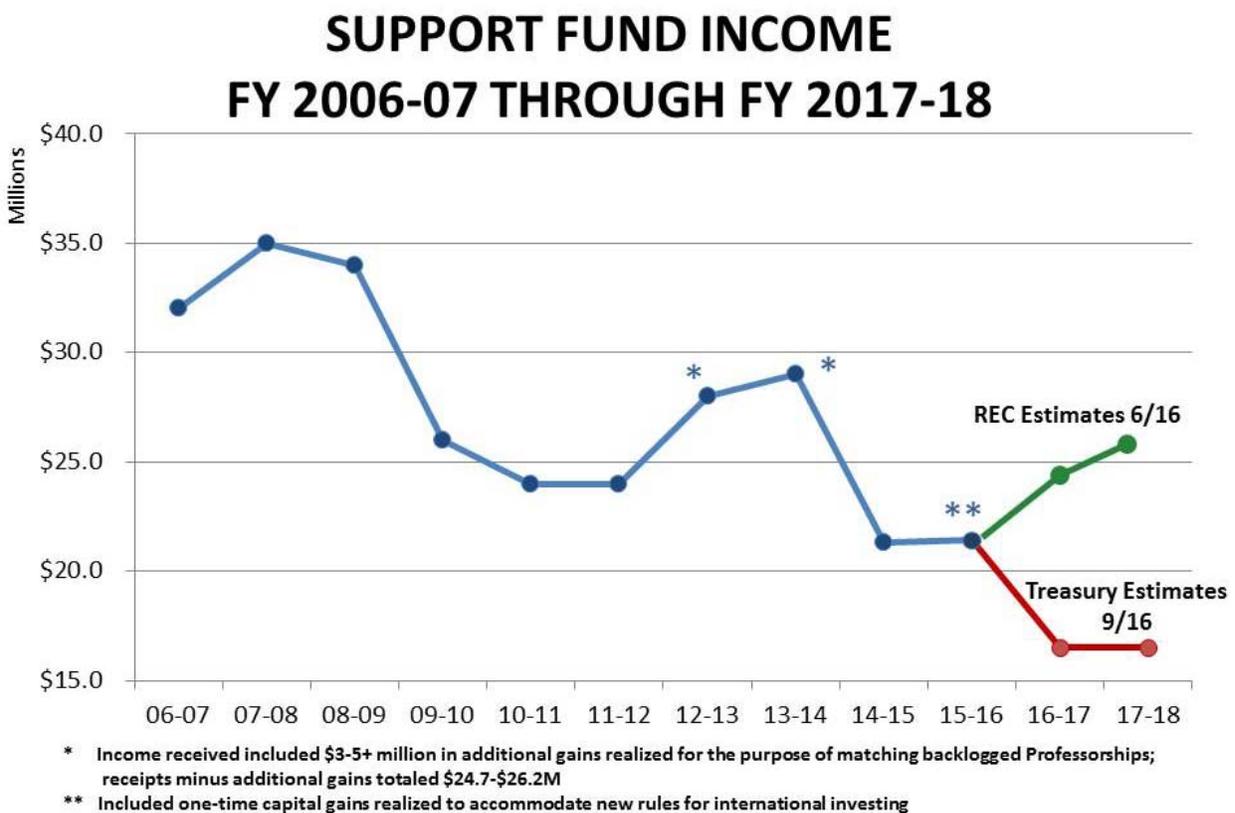
BoRSF Plan and Budget, FY 2017-18

Background Information

The Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF), constitutionally designated and managed by the Board of Regents, is required by Article VII, Section 10 of the Constitution to submit an annual plan and budget to the Legislature and the Governor not less than 60 days prior to the beginning of the Regular Legislative Session. This document outlines proposals for expenditure across the four constitutionally permitted components of the Support Fund: Endowed Chairs, Graduate Fellows, Research and Development, and Enhancement.

Staff Summary

Annual income from the Support Fund declined significantly during FY 2006-07 through FY 2015-16, from a peak of \$35 million to approximately \$21 million.



Projections of the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) in June 2016 assumed a higher level of earnings than in recent years; the Treasury has retained significantly lower income estimates for FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18. It is notable that the Treasury estimate has been more accurate as revenue declines have persisted.

Based on current estimates and Support Fund history, the BoRSF Planning Committee concluded that a \$22 million BoRSF budget for FY 2017-18 would be a reasonable projection. This budget level will enable continued funding for existing contracts, set-asides for backlogged endowment matching requests,

and limited implementation of the new BoRSF program structure, approved by the Regents in November 2016. Program allocations as recommended by the Planning Committee are detailed in Attachment A.

Senior Staff Recommendation

This item is for information only. Senior Staff will bring a final budget for consideration in January 2017.

ATTACHMENT A
FY 2017-18 Board of Regents Support Fund Budget: Adopted by BoRSF Planning Committee
Assumes \$22M Base*

| Support Fund Program/Subprogram | FY 2016-17 Prior Commitments (Existing & Approved Obligations) | FY 2016-17 Funding Levels for New Monies | FY 2017-18 Prior Commitments (Existing & Approved Obligations) | FY 2017-18 Funding Levels for New Monies: BoRSF Restructure |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| Federal Matching | | | | |
| State Level | \$1,425,000 | \$250,000 | \$1,675,000 | \$675,000 |
| Campus Level (Competitive) | N/A | N/A | N/A | (DELAY IMPLEMENT.) \$0 |
| Endowed Chairs | \$0 | \$2,020,000 | \$0 | \$2,020,000 |
| Graduate Fellows | | | | |
| Traditional (GF) | \$2,761,000 | \$775,000** | \$2,655,500 | N/A |
| BoR/SREB Fellowships | \$785,000 | \$225,000** | \$815,000 | N/A |
| Endowed Grad Schol | \$0 | \$1,000,000 | \$0 | \$1,000,000 |
| Research & Development | | | | |
| Research Competitiveness | \$2,370,000 | \$1,350,000 | \$2,341,009 | \$1,350,000 |
| Industrial Ties & Research Commercialization | \$960,000 | \$750,000 | \$1,055,458 | \$900,000 |
| Awds to Artists & Scholars | \$0 | \$350,000 | \$0 | \$350,000 |
| Enhancement | | | | |
| Departmental ENH | (TR/UG ENH FY16) \$300,000 | \$3,087,678 | (TR ENH FY17) \$300,000 | \$2,798,401 |
| Endowed Professorships | \$0 | \$2,000,000 | \$0 | (NEW + BACKLOG) \$2,300,000 |
| Endowed WF Schol | \$0 | \$800,000 | \$0 | \$650,000 |
| Endowed 1 st -Gen Schol | \$0 | \$1,000,000 | \$0 | (BACKLOG ONLY) \$380,000 |
| Administration (Formula) | \$0 | \$791,322 | \$0 | \$734,632 |
| TOTAL | \$8,601,000 | \$13,399,000 | \$8,841,967 | \$13,158,033 |
| BUDGET TOTAL | | \$22,000,000 | | \$22,000,000 |

* \$22M base derived from current REC (\$25.95M) and Treasury (\$16.5M) estimates of earnings; revised and reduced revenue forecast expected from REC in December

** First-year funding for GF and SREB is provided from future FYs, so is not included in FY 2016-17 total of new monies; programs have been terminated in FY 2017-18, so no new funding is needed.

AGENDA ITEM IV.A

Consent Agenda: Refocusing of Endowed Chair

Background Information

BoRSF Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars are typically established in particular disciplines or specialties and with specific functions of interest to the donor, and approved for match based on the campus's argument for the viability and significance of the focus area as well as any additional restrictions on the function of the Chair. As academic disciplines and campus uses evolve, often the structure of Chairs must evolve as well, to continue each Chair's alignment with areas of importance to the campus and the State and needs of the campus.

Staff Summary

The Rudy and Jeannie Linco Eminent Scholars Chair in Business Administration at Centenary College of Louisiana, matched in 1994-95, was originally proposed as a visiting position that would rotate through core areas of the College's Frost School of Business. The campus wishes, consistent with the intent of the BoRSF Endowed Chairs program and the donor's original contribution, to use the Linco Chair for appointment of a full-time, non-visiting faculty member in the Frost School. All other functions of the Chair will remain as stated in the original proposal.

Senior Staff Recommendation

The Senior Staff recommends approval of Centenary College's request to modify the Rudy and Jeannie Linco Eminent Scholars Chair in Business Administration to allow appointment of a full-time, non-visiting faculty member.

AGENDA ITEM IV.B

Consent Agenda: Appointments of Chairholders without National Search

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.

1. Tulane University

Staff Summary

In accordance with this policy, Tulane University has submitted a request for a waiver of the Endowed Chair national search requirement, to appoint Mr. Oliver Houck, J.D., to the David Boies Distinguished Chair in Law at the Tulane University Law School.

Documentation outlining Mr. Houck's qualifications was provided an external consultant, who concluded that this appointment is appropriate and recommended approval; Dr. Joseph C. Rallo, Commissioner of Higher Education, concurred.

Senior Staff Recommendation

The Senior Staff recommends approval of Tulane University's request to appoint Mr. Oliver Houck to the David Boies Distinguished Chair in Law. As stipulated in Board policy, the Letter of Appointment of Mr. Houck to the Boies Chair must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.

2. Centenary College of Louisiana

Staff Summary

Due to retirements, attrition, and lack of success in national searches, Centenary College of Louisiana has experienced a number of vacant Endowed Chairs over the past several years. Success in hiring exceptional junior faculty has also led to a highly productive group of long-time Centenary faculty who are strong candidates for Endowed Chairs. Accordingly, Centenary has requested waiver of the Endowed Chairs national search requirement to fill the following two BoRSF-matched Chairs through internal appointments:

- Rudy and Jeannie Linco Eminent Scholars Chair in Business Administration (matched FY 1994-95): Dr. David J. Hoaas, Professor of Economics; and
- T. L. James Chair of Religion (matched FY 1992-93): Dr. David Otto, Professor of Religious Studies.

Documentation outlining the qualifications of each proposed chairholder was provided to an external reviewer, who concluded that these appointments are appropriate and recommended approval; Dr. Joseph C. Rallo, Commissioner of Higher Education, concurred.

Senior Staff Recommendation

The Senior Staff recommends approval of Centenary College of Louisiana's request to appoint internal candidates to two (2) BoRSF-matched Endowed Chairs, as follows:

- **Rudy and Jeannie Linco Eminent Scholars Chair in Business Administration: Dr. David J. Hoaas**
- **T. L. James Chair of Religion: Dr. David Otto**

As stipulated in Board policy, Letters of Appointment to Dr. Hoaas and Dr. Otto must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.

AGENDA ITEM IV.C

Delinquent Reports: Sponsored Programs Contracts and Agreements

Background Information

The Board of Regents Sponsored Programs Division manages approximately 400 active contracts, funded from both State and federal sources, as well as more than 2,700 active endowments across public and independent campuses statewide. All contracts and endowments include at least annual reporting to the Board.

Staff Summary

The staff will provide a list of delinquent project and fiscal reports submitted in accordance with Sponsored Programs agreements to the Board at each meeting, to keep the Board apprised of any compliance issues in the management of policies, contracts, and agreements entered into on its behalf. Currently two reports are outstanding, as follows:

| Contract # | Campus | Principal Investigator | Report Type | Date Due |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| LEQSF(2015-18)-RD-A-32 | UNO | Connie Lamm | Final Project | 9/30/2016 |
| Endowment Fiscal Reports | SUBR | N/A | Annual Fiscal | 10/1/2016 |

Staff has contacted both the appropriate campus officials and the principal investigator multiple times to remind them of reporting deadlines and related requirements.

Senior Staff Recommendation

This item is for information only. No action is required.