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**AGENDA**

**SPONSORED PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

11:15 a.m.

The Claiborne Building  
Louisiana Purchase Room 1-100  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Appointment of Sponsored Programs Committee Representative to the MediFund Board
- IV. Request from Nicholls State University to Divide the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Chair in Nursing and Allied Health Sciences
- V. Other Business
- VI. Adjournment

**Committee Members:** Roy Martin III, Chair; William Fenstermaker, Vice Chair; Raymond Brandt; Chris Gorman; Edward Markle; Albert Sam II

## AGENDA ITEM III

### Appointment of Sponsored Programs Committee Representative to the MediFund Board

#### **Background Information**

Created by Act 320 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, the MediFund is a special fund within the State Treasury for advancement of biosciences, biomedical, and medical centers of excellence. Placed within the Board of Regents, the MediFund is statutorily charged to:

1. Create regional and national medical centers of excellence for biosciences and biomedicine in order to promote destination health care;
2. Contribute to improvement of health outcomes for consumers of health care services in Louisiana;
3. Support strategic research and clinical partnerships; and
4. Facilitate a competitive process for funding program proposals and projects based on an objectively determined potential for positive economic development impact.

#### **Staff Summary**

The Board of Regents is charged to establish a governing board for the MediFund on or before September 1, 2013. The board is comprised of thirteen members, including four members appointed by the Governor and one member appointed by each of the following: the **Commissioner of Higher Education**, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Secretary of the Department of Economic Development, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Speaker of the Senate, the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, Greater New Orleans, Inc., the North Louisiana Economic Partnership, and the **Sponsored Programs Committee** of the Board of Regents.

The Commissioner has appointed Dr. Dan Reneau, former President of Louisiana Tech University, as his representative. Dr. Donna Ryan, Professor Emeritus at Pennington Biomedical Research Center, has been identified as a highly qualified prospective appointee of the Sponsored Programs Committee. Both have agreed to serve.

#### **Senior Staff Recommendation**

**The Senior Staff recommends that the Sponsored Programs Committee approve the nomination of Dr. Donna Ryan to the MediFund Board.**

## AGENDA ITEM IV

### **Request from Nicholls State University to Divide the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Chair in Nursing and Allied Health Sciences**

#### **Background Information**

The Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Chair in Nursing and Allied Health Sciences is a \$1 million Endowed Chair established with BoRSF match in FY 1997-98 at Nicholls State University. The Chair is currently vacant.

#### **Staff Summary**

In August 2011, the Board of Regents approved a policy to permit the division of Endowed Chairs funds to establish Endowed Professorships at a minimum level of \$250,000. Pursuant to this policy, Nicholls State University was granted approval in December 2011, August 2012, and April 2013 to divide three (3) Endowed Chairs into eight (8) Professorships.

Nicholls State University now requests authorization to divide the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Chair in Nursing and Allied Health Sciences into four Endowed Professorships, each named the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Professorship and each with a corpus value of \$250,000.

Correspondence related to this request is included in Appendix A.

#### **Senior Staff Recommendation**

**Consistent with the August 2011 policy, the Senior Staff recommends that the Sponsored Programs Committee approve the division of the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Chair in Nursing and Allied Health Sciences into four (4) endowed professorships, each named the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Professorship and each with a corpus value of \$250,000.**

# APPENDIX A

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**June 25, 2013**

- Item I.1.**     **Nicholls State University's** request to change the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Chair in Nursing into four super professorships: The Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Professorship (4) with each having a value of \$250,000.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 1989, the Louisiana Legislature created the Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund, referred to as "8g," which provides for a \$400,000 matching grant to be awarded upon receipt of \$600,000 in private donations for the establishment of an endowed chair. The law further requires that the appropriate management board authorize the establishment of such endowed chairs prior to submission to the Board of Regents for matching funds.

Nicholls State University requests approval to change the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Chair in Nursing into four super professorships: The Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Professorship (4) with each having a value of \$250,000. Approval of this request will increase the number of Endowed Professorships at Nicholls State University to 58.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the following resolution be adopted:

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System hereby approves Nicholls State University's request for approval to change the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Chair in Nursing into four super professorships: The Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Professorship (4) with each having a value of \$250,000.

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June 4, 2013

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Dr. Sandra Woodley  
System President  
University of Louisiana System  
1201 North Third Street  
Suite 7-300  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Dear Dr. Woodley:

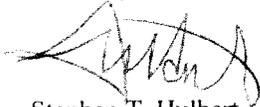
Nicholls State University respectfully requests consideration and approval of the following to be placed on the agenda for the June 24-25, 2013, meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System:

*Approval to convert the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Chair in Nursing into four "super professorships" with each one having a base value of \$250,000.*

Each professorship should be designated as a "Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Professorship" until further notice.

If you need additional information, please let us know accordingly.

Sincerely,



Stephen T. Hulbert  
President

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Attachment

- c: Mr. Larry Howell, Executive Vice President  
Dr. Laynie Barrilleaux, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. David Boudreaux, Vice President for Institutional Advancement  
Dr. Eugene Dial, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services  
Mr. Mike Naquin, Associate Vice President for Finance and CFO  
Mr. Mike Davis, Assistant Vice President for Facilities  
Mrs. Stacy LeJeune, Internal Auditor  
Dr. Stephen Michot, Faculty Senate President and Faculty Association Representative



## *Terrebonne General Medical Center*

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May 31, 2013

Dr. Stephen T. Hulbert, President  
P. O. Box 2001  
Nicholls State University  
Thibodaux, LA 70310

Dear Dr. Hulbert:

On behalf of the Administration for Terrebonne General Medical Center (TGMC), I request that Nicholls State University seek permission from the Louisiana Board of Regents to convert the Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Chair in Nursing into four "super professorships," with each one having a base value of \$250,000. When TGMC endowed the chair in nursing, it did so in good faith, believing that an endowed chair would benefit Nicholls State University, TGMC, and the region both institutions serve. Given the mission of Nicholls State University and the fact that it now participates in a master's degree in nursing, four endowed professorships will have a much greater impact both now and in the future.

While we do not have names for the individual professorships at this time, we reserve the right to name each one at the appropriate time in the future. Accordingly, each professorship should be designated as a "Terrebonne General Medical Center Endowed Professorship" until further notice.

Thank you so much for allowing TGMC the opportunity to make this recommendation. Surely awarding four outstanding nursing professors with the titles and benefits of the professorships will be beneficial to all concerned. It is a much better use of resources than to allow a chair to go unfilled long into the future. It will truly represent a "win-win" for TGMC, the Department of Nursing and Allied Health, and Nicholls State University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phyllis Peoples". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Phyllis Peoples  
Chief Executive Officer  
Terrebonne General Medical Center