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Agenda

Research and Sponsored Initiatives

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
1:25 PM

Claiborne Building, 1st Floor ▪ Thomas Jefferson Room A&B, 1–136
1201 N. Third St. ▪ Baton Rouge, LA 70802

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without National Search: Loyola University New Orleans

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

Committee Members: Stephanie A. Finley, Chair; Wilbert D. Pryor, Vice Chair; Ted H. Glaser III; Dallas Hixson; Phillip R. May Jr.; Samer Shamieh
Staff: Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs

AGENDA ITEM III.

Appointment of Endowed Chairholder without a National Search:
Loyola University 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.

Staff Summary

Loyola University New Orleans requests to appoint Dr. Robert "Bobby" Savoie, Dean of the College of Business, to the Gerald N. Gaston Eminent Chair in Entrepreneurship, a $1 million Chair matched by the BoRSF in 2000–01. Dr. Savoie was appointed dean in 2024, following a 42-year career as an entrepreneur, CEO, and business founder. The Chair support will allow him to implement his vision for the College and build the entrepreneurship ecosystem across Loyola, as he has done throughout New Orleans during his long career. Loyola's request is aligned with all policy requirements for such appointments and the family of the original donor is very supportive of the appointment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Senior Staff recommends approval of Loyola University New Orleans' request to waive the national search requirement to appoint Dr. Robert "Bobby" Savoie to the Gerald N. Gaston Eminent Chair in Entrepreneurship. As stipulated in Board policy, a copy of the Letter of Appointment to Dr. Savoie must be submitted to the Board within 90 days of this approval.