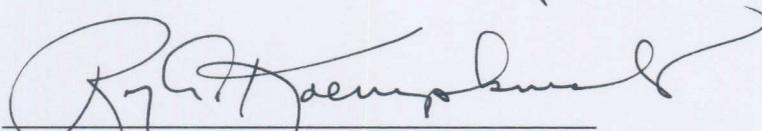


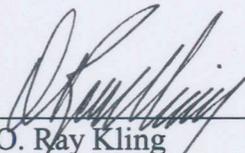
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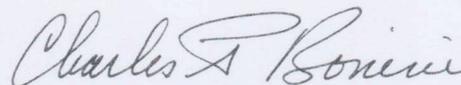
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**Report of the Review Committee
for Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars**

**FY 2008-09 Competition for Board of Regents Support Fund Matching Funds
Submitted to the State of Louisiana**

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A. The following documents were studied before meeting with representatives of the institutions submitting proposals:

- i. March 2, 2009 letter of instruction from Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration, John Wallin;
- ii. Board of Regents Endowed Chairs Policy (March 25, 1999);
- iii. Request for Proposals (RFP) #2009-11 (December 2008); and
- iv. The ten (10) proposals for chairs submitted under RFP #2009-11.

B. On March 11, 2009, a series of meetings was held with representatives of each institution at designated periods of time to discuss each of the proposals. Any additional printed materials about proposed endowed chair(s) submitted by the representatives were also received at that time and approved for consideration. Representing the institutions were: **LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER NEW ORLEANS** - Dr. Joe Moerschbaecher, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Dean, School of Graduate Studies; Ms. Denise Flock-Williams, Vice President of Development, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Foundation; Dr. Frank Culicchia, Professor and Head of Neurosurgery; and Dr. Ronald Luftig, Professor and Head of Microbiology, Immunology and Parasitology; **LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SHREVEPORT** - Dr. Gazi Zibari, Vice Chairman for Academic Affairs; and Ms. Jennifer McMenamin, Director of Development; **OUR LADY OF THE LAKE COLLEGE** - Dr. Sandra Harper, President of the College; Dr. David England, Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs; and Dr. Melanie Green, Dean of the School of Nursing; **TULANE UNIVERSITY** - Dr. Yvette M. Jones, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President for External Affairs; Dr. Michael A. Bernstein, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Dr. Angelo DeNisi, Dean, A.B. Freeman School of Business; and Ms. Luann D. Dozier, Vice President for Development; **TULANE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER** - Dr. Yvette M. Jones, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President for External Affairs; Dr. Michael A. Bernstein, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Dr. M. A. Krousel-Wood, Associate Provost for the Health Sciences, Associate Dean for the MD/MPH

Program and Clinical Professor of Epidemiology and Family and Community Medicine; and Ms. Luann D. Dozier, Vice President for Development.

C. Subsequently, the evaluation criteria stated in the RFP were used to rate and rank-order the nine (9) proposals submitted into the Competitive Program and to assess the one proposal submitted in the Restricted Bequest Program for chairs relying upon: (1) the written proposals, (2) information provided in the interviews with the institutional representatives, and (3) the additional printed material submitted by the representatives. The prospective chairs were rated according to the following criteria: (1) potential of the proposed chair to contribute to economic development - 36 points maximum; (2) contribution of the proposed chair to academic enhancement - 56 points maximum; and (3) appropriateness, feasibility and likelihood of success of the proposed plan to recruit a prominent scholar and women and minority scholars in those fields at institutions in which there has been historical underrepresentation - 8 points maximum. Three members of an external review panel conducted the review of proposals as submitted and three panel members conducted interviews with institutional representatives. The burden of proof was on the submitting institution to demonstrate the manner and extent to which the proposal satisfied these criteria.

D. Attachment A contains the rank order prioritization of the nine (9) proposed endowed chairs submitted in the Competitive Program and the assessment score for the one proposal submitted in the Restricted Bequest Program resulting from the rating of each proposal according to the evaluation criteria as set forth in the RFP. Attachment B contains a brief statement of evaluation for each of the ten (10) proposed chairs submitted under the Competitive and Restricted Bequests Programs for FY 2008-09.

Included in several of the evaluative statements are stipulations for conditional recommendations of funding. These stipulations should be satisfactorily addressed via written statements prior to actual funding by the Regents or in resubmission of the proposal in subsequent competitions if not funded in this cycle.

E. The following are comments about the proposal submission and review process with suggestions made for further maximizing the impact of the Board of Regents Support Fund Endowed Chairs Program:

(1) The national panel members assure the citizens of Louisiana that they can continue to take justified pride in the Louisiana Board of Regents Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Program which is effectively capitalizing on both public and private resources to improve the quality of higher education and thus its role in advancing the economy and cultural life of the State. As a set the ten new proposals submitted this year reflect an exceptionally strong use of the Program to address major opportunities and needs in the State. Therefore, the members of the external review team encourage that additional supplemental resources be provided to fund as many of this year's strong proposals as possible, utilizing the merit rankings based on the quality standards defined by the Board of Regents.

(2) A recurrent theme articulated by the institutional academic leaders represented in the discussions of the proposals under consideration this year was the need to consider increasing the endowment level for new Endowed Chairs to \$2 or \$3 million and higher. A further suggestion was to increase to these higher levels the endowment of some of the existing Endowed Chairs as well. In both instances the State-wide competitive format and the required 40% State match for the 60% private funding should be preserved. Nationally the recruitment and retention of productive and influential Eminent Scholars in many fields is requiring this higher level of funding to remain competitive.

(3) As noted in past review reports, the consideration and ranking of the merits of the proposed Endowed Chairs is greatly enhanced by the Committee's interview with the institutional representatives, especially with the academic unit and institutional academic leaders. Understanding their perspective and plans is vital to gauging the overall context for the likely impact of the proposed Eminent Scholars with regard to their use in meeting institutional academic and development objectives, and in outreaching to regional leaders of business and commerce.

(4) The proposals and the elaborations provided by institutional representatives during discussions with the review panel in this round of submissions for Endowed Chairs more fully addressed the level of the required funded

faculty line, level of typical start-up costs for the field, and the likely discretionary use of the revenue from the endowment by the chairholders in subsequent years. Those proposals lacking these specifications should be required to provide such information before final funding by the Board of Regents. Positive and lasting relationships between the incoming chairholders and the employing academic unit/university are facilitated by an open discussion and agreement on these commitments. This record of openness is further necessitated by the frequent changes in subsequent administrative personnel in these institutions.

(5) There is a need to better tell the story of the remarkable collective accomplishment of the Eminent Scholars attracted to Louisiana by their competitively sanctioned Endowed Chairs. One format which would allow for capitalizing on the success of the Program would be the previously recommended Statewide Society of Eminent Scholars which could be utilized to promote both horizontal inter-institutional communication and vertical intra-institutional communication that would yield significant collaborative efforts to stimulate further the organizational responsiveness of higher education to the immediate and long-term needs of the people of Louisiana. The earlier well-conceived recommendations of an organizing committee of the Society of Eminent Scholars should be acted upon. Another format for the organization, communication and use of this powerful information would be to create an active website to be utilized by all the Partners in this enterprise, from the chairholders themselves to the prospective donor community of the State, to policy-makers and academic leaders. There would need to be an allocation of funds for either of these formats to better increase the visibility and maximize the value of the Eminent Scholars Program.

F. Concluding Comment

The careful coordination of the review process provided by Mr. John Wallin and the staff of Sponsored Programs, particularly Ms. Carrie Robison, is acknowledged and appreciated. The reviewers commend them for their clear acceptance of the independence of the external review process. It is also important to note that the representatives of the institutions submitting proposals were genuinely open and responsive during the sessions with the Review Committee.

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ATTACHMENT A

**BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND ENDOWED CHAIRS FOR EMINENT SCHOLARS PROGRAM
SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION FY 2008-09 ENDOWED CHAIR REVIEW CYCLE**

RANK	PROPOSAL NUMBER	INSTITUTION	TITLE OF CHAIR	AMOUNT REQUESTED	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (36 points possible)	ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT (56 points possible)	RECRUITMENT PLAN (8 points possible)	TOTAL
1	002EC	LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans	David G. Kline, M.D. Endowed Chair in Peripheral Nerve Repair and Regeneration	\$400,000	36	56	8	100
2	007EC	Tulane University	Sacks Endowed Distinguished Chair in Civic Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship	\$400,000	34	56	8	98
3	003EC	LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans	William and Sarah Jane Pelon Endowment Fund for a Faculty Chair in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology	\$800,000	33	56	8	97
4	008EC	Tulane University	The James W. McFarland Distinguished Chair in Business	\$800,000	35	53	8	96
5	006EC	Tulane University	Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Distinguished Chair in Finance	\$800,000	34	52	8	94
6	004EC	LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport	Donnie and Gail Juneau Endowed Chair in Transplantation Surgery	\$400,000	33	51	8	92
7	005EC	Our Lady of the Lake College	Endowed Chair in Gerontological Nursing	\$400,000	34	46	8	88
8	009EC	Tulane University Health Sciences Center	Show Chwan Health System Regents Chair for Global Public Health	\$400,000	32	46	8	86
9	010EC	Tulane University Health Sciences Center	The Thomas C. Keller Regents Chair in Diversity	\$400,000	31	43	8	82
RESTRICTED BEQUEST								
Satisfactory	001EC	LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans	Charles W. McMillin, III and Richard Paul Grace Endowed Chair of Cancer Research	\$400,000	34	48	8	90

ATTACHMENT B

RANKED 1: David G. Kline, M.D. Endowed Chair in Peripheral Nerve Repair and Regeneration (#002EC-09)

The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – New Orleans requests \$400,000 in matching funds to establish the David G. Kline, M.D. Endowed Chair in Peripheral Nerve Repair and Regeneration. The establishment of this Chair is to honor Dr. Kline for his thirty-nine years of service to the LSU School of Medicine and his highly skilled clinical service to thousands of citizens of Louisiana. Dr. Kline was Chair of the Department of Neurosurgery for thirty-five years and during his leadership developed an outstanding reputation as the premier peripheral neurosurgeon in the region and a worldwide leader in the field. The Peripheral Nerve Fellowship for graduate physicians is the only one accredited in North America. This is an exceptional accomplishment. Since Dr. Kline's retirement, there is a great challenge in maintaining this exceptional accomplishment for LSU School of Medicine. The recruited eminent scholar with accomplished knowledge and skills in research, clinical practice and education is necessary for LSU School of Medicine to maintain and continue to lead this premier peripheral nerve program. The Department of Neurosurgery has a very active research program with five faculty leading their own research activities. By taking advantage of the current Endowed Chairs at LSU, this recruited scholar will have the opportunity for immediate interaction with five eminent scholars working in the area of surgery, dentistry, neurology, and cancer biology. In addition, several other potential interactions are present. The academic programs in undergraduate and graduate education in peripheral nerve repair and regeneration will continue to be an example for others to follow. The economic importance will not only be measured in revenues to the University but also in benefits to the citizens and State through treatment of this very debilitating condition and disease.

This is a well written proposal and highlights the need for an Eminent Scholar to maintain and continue to develop LSU School of Medicine in the exceptional accomplishments in peripheral nerve repair and regeneration. The Department of Neurosurgery and the LSU School of Medicine Dean have made substantial financial commitments to start-up funding and salary. In discussion with the chief academic officer of the institution, it was agreed the chairholder would be involved in determining the use of the discretionary funds from the endowment. With this specification it is recommended that the Kline Chair be funded.

RANKED 2: Sacks Endowed Distinguished Chair in Civic Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship (#007EC-09)

The recipient of this chair will be the Sacks Distinguished Professor. Rather than focus on a specific discipline, Tulane will recruit the scholar with the best qualifications in the field of civic engagement and social entrepreneurship, whether his/her scholarly expertise falls within the liberal arts, business, social work or some other discipline.

The academic impact of the Sacks Chair will be realized through the chairholder's role in spearheading the development of an interdisciplinary undergraduate major in Social Entrepreneurship and further expansion of the university's civic engagement in the region. This will involve collaboration with faculty throughout the university, including the current Board of Regents Eminent Scholars. The venture will begin as a joint effort among the Freeman Business School, the School of Liberal Arts, and the School of Social Work. It will expand later to include graduate programs in law and medicine. Tulane currently has a public service graduation requirement for its bachelor's degree. It has a number of institutes and centers involved in student service in the community. These include the Center for Public Service and the Scott S. Cowen Institute for Public Education Initiatives. These provide a venue for social entrepreneurship and an area for research done by the Sacks Chair.

The Sacks Chair will have a significant impact on the local and regional economy through the creation of social enterprises in Louisiana and the increased number of student-hours dedicated to public service. This effort is expected also to draw federal grants. The current administration has emphasized service to the community as a core mission of Tulane.

In discussion with the chief academic officer of the institution, it was agreed that a full-professor salary line would be dedicated for the chair. It was further agreed that the chairholder would be involved in determining the use of the discretionary funds from the endowment. With these specifications, it is recommended that the Sacks Chair be funded.

RANKED 3: William and Sarah Jane Pelon Endowment Fund for a Faculty Chair in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology at LSU Medical School, New Orleans, Louisiana (#003EC-09)

The Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Parasitology at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – New Orleans is requesting \$800,000 in matching funds to establish this Chair in honor and memory of Dr. William Pelon for his forty-plus years of dedicated teaching and research at the LSU School of Medicine. Dr. Pelon developed an outstanding research and teaching program not only for his own professional career but also for the faculty in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Parasitology. The eminent scholar recruited to the Pelon Chair will be expected to continue the advancement of viral research in HIV/AIDS and related malignancies and sexually transmitted diseases. The present strong research programs within the Department as well as close affiliation with at least five current Endowed Chairs working in infectious diseases in Dentistry and Medicine will provide a strong collaborative opportunity for the Pelon Chair. The long term goal is for the recruited scholar to provide the leadership for establishing the Center in Immunology, Inflammation and Infectious Diseases. This will be a collaborative center involving the basic sciences and clinical sciences departments at LSU School of Medicine, the teaching hospitals and the New Orleans BioInnovation Center. Close collaborative efforts have already been established within the Department, making this long term objective a very realistic expectation. The creation of the Pelon Chair will also continue to advance the academic teaching and research programs for graduate students, undergraduate and graduate medical and clinical sciences students and faculty already assuming major responsibility for teaching infectious diseases in all disciplines. Combining all current and future research programs into the Center will significantly enhance opportunities for attracting research funding and potential revenue from vaccine development. The Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Parasitology and the Dean of the LSU School of Medicine have committed significant resources for salary and start-up funding.

In discussion with the chief academic officer of the institution, it was agreed a full-professor salary line would be dedicated for the chair. It was further agreed the chairholder would be involved in determining the use of the discretionary funds from the endowment. With these specifications it is recommended that the Pelon Chair be funded.

RANKED 4: The James W. McFarland Distinguished Chair in Business (#008EC-09)

The recipient of this chair will be the James W. McFarland Professor in the A. B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University. The eminent scholar hired to fill this chair will provide academic leadership in his/her field of expertise, continue scholarly publications, provide new educational opportunities for both graduate and undergraduate students, and mentor junior faculty and doctoral students. It is likely that the scholar will be in finance or management, but the aim is to recruit the best scholar regardless of area of specialty. The Freeman School has undergraduate and graduate departments that are highly ranked nationally. Its scholarly work and publication record are also highly rated. Regardless of area of specialty, the McFarland Chair will add depth to an already impressive group of scholars who currently conduct theoretical and applied research, including the holders of the school's ten Board of Regents Eminent Scholar endowed chairs.

The economic impact of the McFarland Chair lies in its interaction with the various academic programs and centers and institutes within the Freeman School. These centers include the Burkenroad Reports program, the Levy-Rosenblum Institute for Entrepreneurship, the Stewart Center for Executive Education, the Goldring Institute of International Business, and the Tulane Energy Institute. These centers have a significant impact on the Louisiana economy. The new chairholder will be expected to be involved in one or more of these activities. The McFarland Chair will also extend the School's ability to secure funding for scholarly research. In addition, the Chair will reinforce the role that the Freeman School plays in preparing the educated workforce that Louisiana needs to reach its economic development goals.

In discussion with the chief academic officer of the institution, it was agreed that a full-professor salary line would be dedicated for the chair. It was further agreed that the chairholder would be involved in determining the use of the discretionary funds from the endowment. With these specifications, it is recommended that the McFarland Chair be funded.

RANKED 5: Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Distinguished Chair in Finance (#006EC-09)

The recipient of this chair will be the Rolanette and Berdon Lawrence Distinguished Professor in the A.B. Freeman School of Business at Tulane University. The Freeman School has strong programs and an outstanding publication record in Finance and Economics, resulting in high national rankings. In addition to providing needed senior academic leadership, the chairholder will continue his/her scholarly contributions, provide new educational opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students, assist in recruiting research scholars to the university, and mentor doctoral candidates in Finance. The Freeman School has a well-established commitment to interdisciplinary work, including joint degrees and institutes and special programs. The chairholder will do collaborative work with the School's existing Board of Regents Eminent Scholar chairs and other senior scholars to continue the distinguished publication record of the school.

Tulane University has a group of experimental programs, centers and institutes that create a unique body of expertise of vital importance in shaping Louisiana's growth. These include the Darwin Fenner Student-Managed Investment Fund Program, the Burkenroad Reports, the Lawrence Finance Case Competition, and the Tulane Energy Institute. These centers produce knowledge about economic policies but also train students to be entrepreneurs and active business developers. The chairholder will be expected to play a significant role in continuing these activities.

In discussion with the chief academic officer of the institution, it was agreed that a full-professor salary line would be dedicated for the chair. It was further agreed that the chairholder would be involved in determining the use of the discretionary funds from the endowment. With these specifications it is recommended that the Lawrence Chair be funded.

RANKED 6: Donnie and Gail Juneau Endowed Chair in Transplantation Surgery (#004EC-09)

Liver transplantation is a treatment of choice for a wide range of diseases that cause acute or chronic liver failure. There is a severe shortage of available livers for transplantation. One partial solution to address this problem in the region is to establish the living-related and split liver transplant techniques at the LSU Health Sciences Center at Shreveport. There are currently two senior faculty members with experience in transplant surgery, including liver transplant. Further, splitting one cadaver donor liver so that two transplant patients benefit from it would lead to an increase in the number of transplants performed and a decrease in the patients' waiting time. The addition of the Juneau Chair would significantly expand the transplant program.

Funding of this endowed chair would have a direct impact on expanding collaborative studies currently ongoing with research faculty in the Department of Molecular and Cellular Physiology. Also, the Department of Surgery is committed to supporting this line of research as a part of the Juneau Chair activities. An additional benefit is the exposure of residents and fellows to translational areas of research. Economic benefits related to this chair result from additional liver transplantations increasing the revenue in the State as well as improving the health of these patients. Further, federal grants are expected for research related to reducing complications of such surgery.

The written proposal lacked an adequate discussion of the funding for the chair. What is the source of the donation? Has the Health Sciences Center dedicated a salaried faculty line at the full-professor level for the chair? Also, more details on the required search to fill the position should be given, including information relative to the composition of the search committee. While most of these matters were clarified during the discussion with campus representatives, the written proposal should be amended to address these issues prior to actual funding.

RANKED 7: Endowed Chair in Gerontological Nursing (#005EC-09)

Our Lady of the Lake College is requesting \$400,000 in matching funds to establish an Endowed Chair in Gerontological Nursing. There are currently ten certified nursing educators in the School of Nursing and the recruited scholar in gerontological nursing will be expected to advance the collaboration already existing between the School of Nursing and the School of Arts, Sciences and Health Professions. The future for nursing education demands greater emphasis on care for the aging patient. The recruited scholar will provide the knowledge and skills required for developing an academic program in gerontological nursing and integrating training in care of the aging patient into the existing curriculum. The qualifications of the scholar will include significant leadership experience, a record in external research and a Ph.D. in nursing, gerontology or a related field, and a Master's of Science in Nursing. Although the expectation is that the scholar will develop research opportunities for the School and students, there is no discussion of the potential for current or future collaboration, especially with research that may already exist within the School of Nursing and the School of Arts, Sciences and Health Professions. The impact of this chair on the teaching and clinical programs is well understood. This would be the first Endowed Chair for Our Lady of the Lake College and they have outlined in detail the administrative and academic review procedures. The chairholder will be reviewed on a five-year timeframe to evaluate his/her accomplishments and success in meeting the mission and goals for the Chair. Reappointment will be based on this evaluation.

In discussion with the chief academic officer of the institution it was agreed the chairholder will have a role in determining the use of the discretionary funds from the endowment. With this specification it is recommended that the Endowed Chair in Gerontological Nursing be funded.

RANKED 8: Show Chwan Health System Regents Chair for Global Public Health (#009EC-09)

The School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine at Tulane University Health Sciences Center is requesting \$400,000 to establish the Show Chwan Health System Regents Chair for Global Health. This request is the result of the generosity of Dr. Min-Ho Huang, founder and president of the Show Chwan Health Care System in Taiwan. The School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine has developed an extensive relationship with Taiwan, China and other Asian countries. There are currently exchange programs for Tulane students and faculty and significant activities are in place to bring Asian students to study at the School of Public Health. The objective for the scholar recruited to the Show Chwan Chair is to provide the leadership to develop partnerships with research and development organizations in Taiwan, China, Vietnam and other Asian countries. Little detail was offered in the written proposal as to the procedure by which this objective will be accomplished, although more detail was offered in the interview. This will enrich and expand exchange programs which focus on common issues between Louisiana and its Asian partners. The scholar recruited will be expected to develop collaborative activities with the Endowed HCA Chair in Popular Genetics at the School of Public Health once that Chair is filled. Although significant collaboration with the proposed Keller Chair in Diversity would be expected, this was not discussed in the proposal, nor were other collaborations with existing Endowed Chairs or faculty. The intent is to recruit a scholar at the full professor level. There will be a national search conducted. Although the recruited scholar is expected to have a strong influence on the direction of public health research in the future, no discussion was presented outlining details for this research expansion.

Without question the recruitment of highly qualified and motivated students will add to the overall academic quality of the School of Public Health. In reviewing this proposal there was very little discussion as to how this will be accomplished, however.

In discussion with the chief academic officer of the institution, it was agreed that a full-professor salary line will be dedicated to the chair. It was further agreed the chairholder will be included in determining the use of the discretionary funds from the endowment. With these specifications it is recommended that the Show Chwan Chair be funded.

RANKED 9: The Thomas C. Keller Regents Chair in Diversity (#010EC-09)

The Tulane University Health Sciences Center School of Public Health and Tropical medicine is requesting \$400,000 in matching funds to establish The Thomas C. Keller Regents Chair in Diversity. The purpose of the Chair is to advance the understanding of Louisiana's diverse population and health disparities through promotion of public health interventions and prevention strategies. The scholar selected to fill the Chair is expected to advance opportunities for medical and public health professionals and develop overseas educational experiences for Tulane students. The scholar will focus on research and educational programs to benefit public health initiatives in Louisiana. The academic enhancement will be accomplished through students and practicing professionals. The presence of the Chair will create a major focus on diversity within the student population, as well as disparities in clinical care and research that are ethnically and socially based. Professor Mark J. VanLandingham is presently the Thomas C. Keller Professor of Diversity and has made significant accomplishments and contributions in developing medical and social demography related to disease and the disease process in underserved, diverse populations. The proposal submitted for review gives an intensive overview of Professor VanLandingham's background and accomplishments. Without question his contributions have helped advance diversity and medical disparity issues within the School of Public Health, LSU Health Sciences Center and Louisiana. If the matching funds are awarded, this Endowed Chair will be awarded to Professor VanLandingham. In reviewing and discussing this proposal there are some major concerns and issues: (1) As stated by the State Regents Policy for Endowed Chairs, the intended purpose of the program is to recruit new eminent scholars to the universities in order to enhance the skills and expertise that already exist. The appointment of an existing scholar does not meet this intent and an exception will have to be made. (2) If Professor VanLandingham is to be appointed the chairholder, there should be extensive discussion regarding how the new title and position will enhance Professor VanLandingham's future accomplishments and participation beyond what he has done and is doing currently. (3) Also, there was no discussion in the written proposal regarding any collaborative efforts within the School of Public Health, LSU Health Sciences Center, or the State of Louisiana. Study of diversity and health care disparity is necessary but demanding work that requires a strong commitment at all levels, especially from the top down. Close collaborative association with the School of Medicine within the home institution will be necessary.

(4) Professor Vanlandingham was recruited to Tulane through a national search, but no discussion was provided outlining the review process, procedure or criteria required of the successful candidate.

Tulane University Health Sciences Center should provide written responses to these four issues prior to the awarding of funds. In discussion with the chief academic officer of the institution, it was agreed a full-professor salary line will be dedicated for the chair. It was further agreed the chairholder will be involved in determining the use of the discretionary funds from the endowment. With these specifications it is recommended that the Keller Chair be funded.

Restricted Bequest

Charles W. McMillin, III and Richard Paul Grace Endowed Chair of Cancer Research (#001EC-09)

The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – New Orleans is requesting \$400,000 in matching funds to establish the McMillin and Grace Endowed Chair of Cancer Research. This Endowed Chair is being established by bequest of the two individuals named in the Chair. Both succumbed to lung cancer and wished to assist LSUHSC in finding new ways for the diagnosis and treatment of cancer to benefit others following their demise. The purpose of the Chair is to recruit an eminent scholar with the skills and experience to assist LSU School of Medicine in the transition of promising basic research to clinical application. The scholar recruited will be expected to assume a leadership role in developing his/her own research program in collaboration with existing programs in the basic and clinical science departments as well as the Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center. Within the clinical departments there are seven endowed chairs with whom the recruited scholar can collaborate as well as endowed chairs in Dentistry and Public Health. This scholar will contribute substantially to the education of medical students, both undergraduate and graduate, and to the graduate-level basic science students by developing and implementing translational research programs. The final location of the Chair will be determined by the credentials of the recruited scholar but is expected to be within one of the clinical departments of Medicine, Surgery or Pediatrics. The scholar will also collaborate closely with the Cancer Center. The economic impact will most likely be through developing translational programs between the basic science departments, the clinical departments and the Cancer Center. There is a high priority in the federal funding agencies for translational programs which take basic science research to the bedside treatment of patients.

The expected home departments for this Chair, the Dean's Office and the Cancer Center have committed substantial resources for start-up funding for this Endowed Chair. In discussion with the chief academic officer of the institution, it was agreed the chairholder will be involved in determining the use of the discretionary funds from the endowment. With this specification it is recommended that McMillin and Grace Chair be funded.