

Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Fund Authority
Brodie Professorship Revised Research Plan
July 17, 2020
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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The Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Fund Authority (“MEIFA” or the “Authority”) convened via conference call to discuss the Brodie Professorship Revised Research Plan at 11:30 a.m. on July 17, 2020. A quorum was present.

Members:

Robert Hallenbeck, Chairman
Stephen Auvil, Executive Vice President, Operations & Programs, TEDCO
Linda L. Singh, PhD, Executive Director/CEO, Major General (retired), Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO)*
Frank Glover, Lead Director, Seed Investment Fund Director, Maryland Venture Fund, TEDCO
Sarah Sheppard, Designee of the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Commerce
Renee Winsky, President & CEO Leadership Maryland and President & Founder, Bay One Group, LLC
Tom Sadowski, Designee of Chancellor Perman, University System of Maryland

Staff, Guests, and Representatives:

Barbara Kountz, Deputy Counsel to Maryland Department of Commerce,
Assistant Attorney General
Connie Page, Administrative Associate, Office of Strategic Industries & Entrepreneurship,
Maryland Department of Commerce
Mary Pooton, University of Maryland Baltimore, School of Medicine
Dr. Margaret McCarthy, University of Maryland Baltimore, School of Medicine

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Robert Hallenbeck called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Roll Call: Introduction of Authority Members and Others in Attendance:

Chairman initiated roll call for Members, staff and guests in attendance. Those in attendance: Chairman Hallenbeck, Ms. Winsky, Ms. Sheppard, Mr. Auvil, Dr. Singh, Mr. Glover, Ms. Kountz, Ms. Page, Mary Pooton, Dr. McCarthy, and Mr. Sadowski.

Discussion – Harry and Angela Brodie Professorship Revised Research Plan

Chairman Hallenbeck thanked the members of the Authority for attending this emergency meeting regarding the University of Maryland Baltimore, School of Medicine's (UMSOM) request to revise the Research Plan for the Harry and Angela Brodie Professorship in Translational Cancer Research. The Chairman noted this professorship was approved in 2017. UMSOM submitted a request to change the professorship because of difficulty attracting a Chair. Dr. McCarthy explained that the Harry and Angela Brodie Professorship in Translational Cancer Research is a cornerstone of the Department of Pharmacology's research in oncopharmacology and the University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCCC).

UMSOM's goal was to recruit a transformative cancer biologist to the department to build upon and expand on UMSOM existing strengths in hormone-responsive cancers. UMSOM launched a national search in late 2017 and over the course of 2.5 years interviewed dozens of candidates, resulting in full scale protracted negotiations with 3 high profile individuals from other institutions. Unfortunately, these candidates declined their offers and in each case the reason given was either a larger retention package from their home institution or a competing offer of larger scale at a different institution.

In order to continue UMSOM's commitment to excellence in both cancer research and community outreach, UMSOM requested to award the Brodie Professorship to a current faculty member and breast cancer researcher, Dr. Stuart Martin. Dr. Martin is currently being recruited by 8 other institutions given his stature in the field, his extraordinary success in garnering federal research funds, and his leadership potential. There are 2 conditions of Dr. Martin's recruitment: 1) he will take on the mantle of Program Leader of the Hormone Related Cancer Program (HRC) of the University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCCC); and 2) he will lead the recruitment of 2 additional junior cancer biologists to the Department of Pharmacology. These recruits will be supported by funds from the department, the UMSOM Dean's office and the UMGCCC. In summary, the awarding of the Brodie Professorship to Dr. Stuart Martin and his recruitment to the Department of Pharmacology will result in a substantial increase in UMSOM's cancer biology faculty, including new external recruits, and will assure the continued preeminence of the UMGCC, one of the crown jewels of University of Maryland Medical System.

The Chairman reiterated that the purpose behind the Brodie Professorship would not change. This change is in part a switch from recruitment to retention and will add two assistant professorships as part of the proposal. Ms. Winsky added that universities are in a different place than when UMSOM applied two years ago due to the pandemic and that it is not for a lack of effort that UMSOM was unable to recruit an Endowed Chair.

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- **Request:** The University of Maryland, School of Medicine would like to request to award the Brodie Professorship to an exceptional breast cancer researcher, Dr. Stuart Martin, and recruit him to the Department of Pharmacology from the Department of Physiology.
- **Action:** After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, the revised research plan was APPROVED. (UNANIMOUSLY).

Date of Next Meeting

The Authority members determined the next conference call meeting date of the Authority for consideration of applications as follows:

August 26, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Call-In Number: 1-929-324-9243 PIN: 234 077 527#

Date of Next MEIF Application Deadline: August 3, 2020.

Adjournment

There being no further business during this portion of the meeting, motion to adjourn was made, duly seconded, and unanimously approved at 11:54 a.m.