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### **Dr. M. I. Shafi Chosen to Head Sponsored Programs at LeMoyne-Owen College**

**MEMPHIS, TN (July 20, 2009)** – LeMoyne-Owen College President Johnnie B. Watson proudly announces the appointment of Dr. M. Iqbal Shafi to the newly created position of Executive Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs. The position, which reports to the President, will be a Cabinet-level post and will involve seeking grant opportunities for the College.

“Dr. Shafi has an extensive and very impressive background in the field of science and mathematics having secured numerous grants for various programs which makes him uniquely qualified to serve in this very important role for the College,” said President Watson. “He has secured, written and managed several multi-million dollar government grants during his tenure as Chairman of the Division of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Computer Sciences,” said President Watson. “He is meticulous in his oversight and the College will greatly benefit from his experience.” The position involves and includes all aspects of seeking grant opportunities as well as training staff and faculty in grant writing, submission and oversight, the President said.

Dr. Shafi completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Karachi in Pakistan in 1964 where he also completed a Master’s of Science Degree in Ecology in 1965. His doctoral work was completed at the University of Toronto, Canada in 1972. He also did post-doctoral fellowship at the University of New Brunswick, Canada. His post-doctoral interests continued in the areas of Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Plant cell and tissue culture; In Vitro Toxicity; Radio Immuno-Assay Techniques; and Dr. Shafi has completed many other courses to expand his knowledge and experience in the area of science. He has published numerous papers and reports.

Dr. Shafi began his career in Pakistan as a Research Assistant. He moved on to the University of Toronto, Canada to pursue and complete his Ph.D. degree. In 1980, Dr. Shafi accepted an Assistant Professorship at Rust College where he was involved in the development, supervision, writing, and implementation of multimillion dollar grants from various government agencies including the National Institutes of Health, Department of Education, National Science Foundation and other entities. He served as Chairman of the Division of Science and Mathematics and Professor of Biology at Rust College from 1986 to 1994.

At LeMoyne-Owen College, Dr. Shafi has been involved in or has helped to manage more than \$10 million in grants including: a \$75,000 Schering Plough grant and another \$300,000 Lucile Packard Foundation grant for modernization of the biology and chemistry labs in 1994 to 1997; USDA research grants from 1995 to 1998 in the amount of about \$45,853,000; in 1997, a Health Careers Opportunity Program funded through the Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$557,400, to name a few.

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From 1995 to 2000 he managed a grant MAMP (Mid-South Alliance of Minority Participation) in the amount of \$5 million. From 2002 to 2006, Dr. Shafi served as campus director for the Tennessee Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (TLSAMP) Grant in the amount of \$375,000 funded by the National Science Foundation. He served as director of a Minority Science and Engineering Improvement (MSEIP) grant from 1999-2001 in the amount of \$254,000; and a second grant from 2005 to 2007 in the amount of \$299,967 - both funded by the U. S. Department of Education. Then, from 2004-2009, Dr. Shafi co-administered a \$2.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation (HBCU-UP program) which, at LeMoyne-Owen College, is entitled SMART-UP (Strengthening Minority Access to Research Training through Undergraduate Program). He also has been involved with, and has assisted in, numerous other funding acquisitions.

Dr. Shafi served as Chairman of the Division of Natural and Mathematical Sciences at LeMoyne-Owen College since 1994 and has also served as Professor of Biology. He has received recognition and numerous awards for his work in the field of science and mathematics having also served on numerous professional associations and committees.

For more information, please see the contact above.

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