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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Dr. Bettie Rose Horne, Chair, and Members, Committee on Academic Affairs and Licensing

**From:** Dr. Gail M. Morrison, Director of Academic Affairs and Licensing

### Consideration of Nominees for Elected Positions to Deans' Committee on Medical Education, 2008-2012 Term

#### Background

In 2000 the General Assembly passed legislation in response to recommendations made by the Commission concerning the composition of membership on the Deans' Committee on Medical Education. Under the terms of the legislation, four of the members of the Committee are permanent members, by virtue of their offices. These are the presidents of USC-Columbia and MUSC, the Dean of the MUSC College of Medicine and the Dean of the USC School of Medicine.

Five other members of the Committee are to represent selected sectors of the medical community. These five members are to be elected by the Commission on Higher Education for terms of four years each. Nominations for these positions come from the Deans' Committee for consideration by the Commission. Election has taken place at the October meeting of the Commission in 2000 and 2004. Thus, another election is due for October 2008.

The law specifies that three of the five elected members by the Commission are to represent the Area Health Education Consortium (AHEC) Council. For these positions the Deans' Committee has nominated **Dr. David Garr**, Executive Director of AHEC;

**Dr. James Raymond**, AHEC Deans' Council member and director of medical education, USC School of Medicine; and **Dr. Jerry Youkey**, Director of Medical Education, Greenville Hospital System, for these positions.

The law also specifies that the Commission shall elect two other members, one of whom represents the private sector and the other represents medical education. **Dr. Coleman Floyd-Buckhouse**, a Florence-area anesthesiologist, has been nominated to represent the private sector; and **Dr. Prakash Nagarkatti**, Associate Dean for Basic Science-USC School of Medicine, has been nominated to represent medical education.

Of the elected members to the Deans' Committee on Medical Education, four of the five who have been nominated are incumbents, including all three of the AHEC representatives and Dr. Floyd-Buckhouse. The new nominee is the person who is to represent Medical Education, Dr. Nagarkatti. All nominations by the Deans' Committee were unanimous choices. The law is silent on the question of term limitations.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Committee commend to the Commission on Higher Education the nominations of Drs. Garr, Raymond, Youkey, Floyd-Buckhouse, and Nagarkatti for election to four-year terms of office as members of the Deans' Committee on Medical Education to run from October 2008 to October 2012.