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CHE staff has been made aware of an Attorney General's letter of May 11 advising that the University of South Carolina may only provide notice to CHE about its plans for medical education expansion in Greenville and that "both USC and CHE are legally prohibited from participating in a process whereby the CHE considers for approval the University's planned expansion..." This follows an Attorney General's Opinion of January 5 on the same subject which was discussed by the Executive Director in the CHE meeting of April 14. The staff will consult with the Commission on its response to the Attorney General's opinion and follow up letter which, taken together, may substantially limit CHE's ability to review academic programs of all kinds. In the meantime, the hearings scheduled for the 19th, 25th, and 26th have been canceled. CHE will, however, hold its regular monthly business meeting for June on the previously rescheduled date of May 26.