AGENDA ITEM VI-I

Consideration of adopting the Committee’s recommendation relating to the Graduate Education Advisory Committee’s report on *Achieving Inclusiveness and Diversity in Doctoral Education in Texas: Praxis and Recommendations*

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the findings and recommendations included in the report and authorize the staff to forward the report to the chancellors, presidents, provosts, and graduate deans.

Background Information:

In July 2004, the Board issued the report *Doctoral Education in Texas*, which included a number of recommendations for further action to study and improve doctoral programs in the state. To assist in carrying out those recommendations, the Commissioner of Higher education directed staff to form the Graduate Education Advisory Committee (GEAC), which first met on March 11, 2005. One of the 16 recommendations GEAC identified in the Board-issued doctoral report was that institutions should be encouraged to implement practices to increase diversity in their doctoral programs.

The GEAC determined that practices to increase diversity merited a detailed report, one which would contain information on the status of doctoral education in Texas. The completed report summarizes research on best practices and guiding principles on inclusiveness and diversity in doctoral education. It also provides initial recommendations to doctoral institutions and to the Coordinating Board for promoting inclusiveness and increasing the participation of historically underrepresented groups in doctoral education.

The report is provided under separate cover. Dr. James Goeman, Senior Education Specialist, will be available to answer questions about this report.