

Agenda Item: V.

DATE: July 15, 2004

SUBJECT: *Geier* Status Report

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Staff will brief the Commission on activities concerning the *Geier* Consent Decree. The decree, executed in January 2001, provides for a number of initiatives to be undertaken over a five-year period. There is continuing progress in identifying and ultimately developing new programs at Tennessee State University. Upon completion of a study, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, University of Tennessee at Martin, and the University of Tennessee, College of Veterinary Medicine have expanded black faculty recruitment and retention efforts. Commission staff will address these and other recent developments in the implementation of the decree.