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**TO:** Boston University Faculty

**FROM:** Gloria Waters, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer *G.W.*

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**SUBJECT:** Announcement of the Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

As we begin the process of selecting the next dean of the Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine, the first step is to constitute the search advisory committee. The [BU Faculty Handbook](#) specifies that: *“the advisory committee shall consist of three faculty members elected by the faculty of the School for which a dean is to be selected, two faculty members elected by the Faculty Council from other Schools, and as many as three members designated by the provost.”* In addition, the provost appoints the chair of the committee.

I am pleased to announce that we have completed this initial step, and the membership of the Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of the Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine (Chobanian & Avedisian) is listed at the end of this memo. I thank the Chobanian & Avedisian faculty and the University’s Faculty Council for their efforts to elect members to serve on this important committee. I would also like to thank, in advance, the members of the search advisory committee for their service and give special acknowledgement to Cataldo Leone, dean of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, and Anthony Hollenberg, John Wade Professor and chair of medicine and physician-in-chief of Boston Medical Center, who will serve as co-chairs.

The charge to the search advisory committee and the process by which it should conduct its work is outlined in my [memo of November 26](#). President Gilliam and I will soon convene the committee to provide them with further specifics of their charge, with the expectation that they will immediately begin the work of consulting with faculty and relevant stakeholders, soliciting nominations, recruiting outstanding candidates, and evaluating the qualifications and strengths of nominees and applicants. I will ask the search advisory committee to forward the names of 3-5 qualified candidates to me by **April 1, 2025**, for final selection of the dean by President Gilliam and approval by the Board of Trustees.

The selection of a new dean is among the most important decisions we make. I look forward to working with the search advisory committee to identify and recruit an outstanding faculty leader to serve as the next dean of the Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine.

**Cc:** Melissa Gilliam, President  
Kevin Smith, Chair, Faculty Council  
Provost’s Cabinet

## **Search Advisory Committee for the Dean of Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine**

### **Co-Chairs:**

**Anthony Hollenberg**, John Wade Professor and Chair of Medicine, Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine; Physician-in-Chief, Boston Medical Center (selected by the University provost)

**Cataldo Leone**, Dean, Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (elected by the Faculty Council)

### **Members:**

**Emelia Benjamin**, Associate Provost for Faculty Development, BU Medical Campus; Jay and Louise Coffman Professor of Medicine, Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine (elected by the Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine)

**Yvette Cozier**, Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice; and Associate Professor of Epidemiology, School of Public Health (selected by the University provost)

**Rachel Fearn**s, Ernest Barsamian Professor and Chair of Virology, Immunology & Microbiology, Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine (selected by the University provost)

**Angela Jackson**, Associate Professor of Medicine, Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine (elected by the Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine)

**Robert Lowe**, Clinical Professor of Medicine, Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine (elected by the Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine)

**Elise Morgan**, Dean *ad interim*, College of Engineering (elected by the Faculty Council)

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