The Members Nominating Committee is very pleased to renominate Dr. Orlando L. Taylor for a second three-year term as UCAR Institutional Trustee. Dr. Taylor, who is presently Vice Provost for Research and Dean, Graduate School of Howard University, has a distinguished career in graduate education at Howard. He is an articulate and effective spokesperson for the value of university education and research and for the need to increase the participation of underrepresented groups in the United States scientific community. As a UCAR Trustee and member of the Personnel Committee, Dean Taylor has brought to the UCAR community a strong voice for graduate education—especially interdisciplinary graduate programs that he views as valuable preparation for students to solve the complex problems in our modern society—and the importance of its integration with graduate research. Dr. Taylor also brings extensive university administrative experience and a strong background in intercultural communication issues.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am deeply honored to be nominated for election to the UCAR Board of Trustees. If elected I would continue to advocate on behalf of the atmospheric science discipline within the national graduate community and, in the process, would continue to seek successful strategies and programs to attract a more racially and ethnically diverse population of future scientists and academicians into the atmospheric science community.

In pursuing these goals, I would seize upon the many roles I have played, and continue to play, in the national graduate community. I am a recent past Chair of the Board of Directors of the Council of Graduate Schools and a member of the Advisory Council of the Directorate for Education and Human Resources of the National Science Foundation. I work in many venues that advance graduate education throughout the country. Moreover, I am in regular communication with many graduate deans at the nation's leading research universities and with many leaders of public and private agencies that support graduate education generally and the STEM disciplines in particular. I fully expect to serve as an advocate for the atmospheric sciences with these individuals and within these agencies. Continued support for the atmospheric sciences at the graduate
level at research universities is integral to UCAR's mission and, in the long run, essential to maintaining a national competitive workforce in the atmospheric sciences.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Orlando L. Taylor is Vice Provost for Research, Dean of the Graduate School, and Professor of Communications at Howard University. Dean Taylor is currently President of the Consortium of Social Science Associations, the former board chair of the Council of Graduate Schools, and a national leader in addressing issues of diversity in graduate education. As Graduate Dean at Howard University since 1993, he has played a significant role in assuring Howard's continued national leadership in graduate education. He currently leads Howard's efforts, along with those of 13 other leading research universities, in the national movement to make doctoral education more responsive to societal needs and student interests. In addition, Dean Taylor is a national leader and spokesperson for preparing the next generation of college and university faculty members and for enhancing access and equity in higher education.

Dean Taylor is the Project Director for several training grants from NSF designed to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. He provided administrative leadership for the successful launching of an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in atmospheric sciences at Howard University, the first at a predominately or historically African American research university.