



Meeting Name:	Executive Committee Meeting		Leader:	Gerald Harmon
Meeting Date:	October 7, 2025		Meeting Time:	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting and Humphries Board Room		Next Meeting Date:	November 11, 2025
Attendees	Attendees Alexa Gandy Amy Hildreth Aubrey Lalashius Berry Campbell Bobby Miller Brian Keisler Cam McCarthy Caughman Taylor Chuck Carter Chris Mazoue Craig Stanley Derek Payne Ed Behling Edie Goldsmith Emily Miles Eric Williams Falicia Harvey Gerald Harmon Jamee Steen James Cook Jeff Perkins Kevin Bennett Leo Bonilha Mark Robinson Marlene Wilson Matt Orr Meera Narasimhan	Attendees Norma Frizzell Paul Toriello Patrice Weiss Predrag Krajacic Roz McConnaughy Sharon Weissman Sandra Kelly Susan Herndon Trae Capers Tripp Bell	Past Attendees or Not Present Alan Sechtin Bryan Winters Clinton Webb Erika Blanck Fiona Hollis Frank Berger James McCallum J.T. Thornhill Lindsie Cone Robert Rhinehart Souvik Sen Trey Brown	Scribe: Aubrey Lalashius



Call to Order/Welcome	Harmon	The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Dr. Gerald Harmon. Technical difficulty with how remote participants interacted with the meeting.
Approval of Minutes	Harmon	By motion and vote of the attendees the meeting minutes from September 2, 2025, and all exhibits/attachments were approved as written.
Executive Committee Reports	Harmon	The Dean stated that the Executive Committee Meeting Reports have been shared with the Committee and that he will highlight items and ask each person in the report for any additional comments.
Operational Finance and Administration Report	Payne	Items in his report stands as presented. He spoke specifically regarding the Purchase Card Program updates from the state audit - USC is mandated to decrease the number of p-cards by 50%. Responses regarding this decrease are due by Friday or it will be done for us. There has also been an adjustment as to the number of cards per liason. Annual training will be required for all cardholders, liasons and dept. heads. Derek touched on updated telecommuting guidelines from the State Office HR regarding the mandated weekly reporting of variations from approved telecommuting schedules. Dean Harmon also noted that he would be discussing with the Provost at his weekly meeting hoping to get some advice/clarification to be disseminated.
Faculty Affairs	Thornhill	Nothing to report at this time.
Undergraduate Medical Education	Krajacic	Nothing to report at this time. The AI Policy will be shared at next meeting.
Student Affairs	Williams	No written report. Shared a "Save the Date" for our next White Coat Ceremony of July 31, 2026.
Graduate Medical Education	Carter	Items in his report stands as presented, nothing new to include.



Strategic Initiatives & Accreditation	Miller	Still working on completing the standards per LCME visit. Currently working on standard #12, we have completed 7 so far. Action plans have been received but will be getting polished and sent out to folks as needed.
Continuous Professional Development & Strategic Affairs	Orr	Items in report stands as presented, nothing additional to add.
Research	Bonilha	Slide shared to show where we're at with our research funding. Four new grants are being renewed. These grants can take awhile to get in systems but we are tracking their status.
Graduate Education	Toriello	Items in report stands as presented. Briefly touched on the Counseling Rehab Award - student typically gets award and then stays within SC to provide care.
Faculty Senate	McCarthy	Items in report stands as presented. Discussed the Provost's report about AI in the class room and Blackboard use. Inquired about the SOMC representatives for the Faculty Research Committee and there being none present. Kelly asked if the committees were made up by votes, further information is needed here to allow for more input.
Staff Senate	Miles	Items in report stands as presented, nothing additional to add.
Human Resource Updates	Herndon/Group	No written report at this time. Health Fair & Flu shots event coming up on October 21st!
Dean's Items	Harmon	Organizational structure update is still taking place - appreciate everyone's help with this. Stated there was no update on the admissions ad hoc task force other than interviews had begun and so far we have 5 early accepts/decisions. Open discussion about the students in the Accelerated Undergraduate to M.D. program and encouraging the members of the cohort to choose elective science courses which will prepare them for their time in medical school. Committees workgroup has met and cleaned up a few things. It has since been resent back out for votes regarding content.



Dean's Items	Harmon	<p>Student Success & Wellness - changes are coming and updates to follow as processed along the way.</p> <p>Perkins shared an update on the HSC. There was a video produced by our SOM Communications team - changing weekly! Still needs significant inside work. There is a lot of outreach to the community taking place.</p> <p>Curing Kids for Cancer was an effective event! The VA campus hosted and it was well received. The Dean had been at Prisma for a Pediatric Oncology support event recently and they were awarded a \$5 million donation. Dean's Alumni & Awards Ceremony was well attended, both President Amiridis & Provost Fitzpatrick said it was beautiful and appreciated the invites. Thank you all for attending and showing your support. The SOM Community Health Fair was held at a local high school - school leadership there was very engaging. We learned there is a middle school in Blythewood that is teaching about health professions and believe that to be a target audience for us in the future.</p> <p>Brain Health SmartState Search Update - determined that Bonilha was to be renewed because he was recommended with lots of legislative support in our network of both in-patient rehabilitation & hospital community.</p>
Old/New Business	Harmon	<p>Dean Harmon asked if anyone had any old business we needed to address or anything new to add. Received no comments. No additional reports were added or included.</p>
Executive Session	Harmon	<p>A motion was made and seconded to go into an Executive Session. No action was taken during the Executive Session and by motion of the group returned to the open session.</p> <p>Dean Harmon stated we will be sending out invites regarding holiday items: staff & faculty luncheon and a tree lighting. Another Townhall will also be scheduled before end of year.</p> <p>Dean Harmon recognized Dr. Kelly as her last meeting, said thank you for everything and wished her well on her retirement after 37 years!</p>
Adjournment	Adjournment	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.</p>