

# Executive Committee Meeting Reports

## November 11, 2025

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### Senior Associate Dean's Report – Dr. Caughman Taylor

No report - any interim or more final items will be presented verbally.

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### Operational Finance and Administration Report – Derek Payne

**USC School of Medicine Educational Trust:** Auditing/reporting season is finally winding down. The 5500 and 8955 forms on the Retirement Plan have been filed with the DOL and IRS. Form 990 has been final reviewed and will be filed this week.

**School of Medicine Finance and Administration:**

- *Purchasing Card Program Changes:* The University delayed the deadline on reducing purchasing cards until November 15<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't already notified Purchasing of your reductions, please do so by the end of the week. An email was distributed on November 6<sup>th</sup> notifying cardholders, department heads, approvers, and liaisons of the training required by the new State Proviso. The deadline for completing the training is April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- *Telecommuting Reporting:* Thank you for your continued compliance with the reporting requirements for telecommuting exceptions. The threshold for reporting was raised by the State from 45 minutes to 2 hours. Otherwise, all guidelines and reporting requirements remain in place. Please contact SOM HR with any questions.
- *International Travel Reminder:* International travel requires advance approval by the Office of the Dean and grant or other external funding.

**Facilities Update:** School of Medicine Boulevard remains closed for construction between buildings 8 and 9 until November 21<sup>st</sup>. Parking continues to be a challenge on the VA campus. Work on Lot 19 is scheduled to resume this week.

Current larger project status updates are as follows:

1. Medical Park 15 – Medical Park 15 remains closed for renovations.
  2. Security Reminder – A webpage is live to list training opportunities, call lists, and other information: [Security - My School of Medicine Columbia | University of South Carolina](#)
  3. Reminder – Updated Emergency Plan for USCSOM-C may be found at: [Emergency Management - My School of Medicine Columbia | University of South Carolina](#)
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### Faculty Affairs Report – Dr. J.T. Thornhill

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## **Undergraduate Medical Education & Academic Affairs Report** **Dr. Predrag “PK” Krajacic**

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### **Student Affairs Report – Dr. Eric Williams**

- Thank you to all who supported the Fall Festival put on by Well-being and Academic Support. It was another great year of food, folks and fun! Likewise, the Student Affairs and the Student Services Committee would like to thank those who came to the breakfast event this past Thursday. The interaction between faculty, staff and students hit the mark on the purpose of building community.
  - The MI student government officers and PALs were elected at the end of October. The PALs will be Title IX trained at the end of the week.
  - We have met with the Peer Advocate Liaisons (PALs) and student government officers and have made some changes to the SAFE form, with the hope that it is easier to navigate and more streamlined. Students can also now upload documentation to the form. Furthermore, they gave suggestions on frequency of reminding the student body about the form and on providing examples of what can constitute mistreatment.
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### **Graduate Medical Education Report – Dr. Chuck Carter**

#### **Announcements:**

USCSOM-C residencies are recruiting for their 2026 resident classes. The Associate Dean for GME continues to place a high priority on recruitment of USCSOM students into our training programs.

#### **Accreditation:**

Prisma Health maintains Institutional Continued Accreditation from the ACGME.

There are no pending ACGME site visits for Prisma Health/USCSOM Columbia programs.

#### **Outcomes:**

58% of our 2025 residency and fellowship graduates who entered clinical practice stayed in South Carolina.

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### **Strategic Initiatives & Accreditation**

#### **Dr. Bobby Miller**

- LCME Consultation virtual sessions are the mornings of December 11<sup>th</sup> & December 12<sup>th</sup> – Schedule TBD.
  - StandPoint Survey launched last week and is off to a great start. Please encourage your faculty and staff to complete the survey.
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## **Continuous Professional Development & Strategic Affairs**

### **Dr. Matt Orr**

- The 2025 Physician Leadership Institute will be holding its final session on November 13-14 before the closing ceremonies on January 15.
  - The strategic planning steering committee for the 2026-2031 strategic plan began meeting Monday, November 10.
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### **Research Report**

#### **Dr. Leo Bonilha**

#### **Research Funding Updates**

AI Updates to share.

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### **Graduate Education Report**

#### **Dr. Paul Toriello**

#### **Clinical Graduate Programs (Toriello) (Counseling & Rehab, Genetic Counseling, Nurse Anesthesia, PA)**

1. General: No report.
  2. Program-specific:
    - a. Counseling and Rehabilitation:
      - i. Hired Cassandra McClain as the Clinic for Counseling Assessment Coordinator.
      - ii. Learning Community Saturday topics included “Acute Trauma, PTSD, and Complex Trauma,” “The Ethical Compass: Guiding Principles for Private Practitioners in Counseling,” and “Managing Difficult Conversations: Building Leadership Through Empathy, Confidence, and Collaboration” just to name a few of the 13 total presentations.
    - b. Genetic Counseling:
      - i. Second-year students (and our assistant program director + one other faculty) leave Thursday for NSGC’s (National Society of Genetic Counselors) Annual Conference to represent us in Seattle!
      - ii. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities start this week with Genetic Counselor Appreciation Day, 11/13.
    - c. Nurse Anesthesia:
      - i. Florence expansion approved; will expand relations with McLeod Health.
      - ii. Completed over 100 interviews of prospective students.
    - d. Physician Assistant:
      - i. No report.
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### **Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Cameron McCarthy**

#### **October 15, 2025 Meeting**

- President’s Report: Leadership transitions noted; parking remains a concern with discussion of new parking deck costs.
- Provost/Academic Affairs:

- CTE support for AI use in teaching.
- Internal research funding programs (bridge, seed, arts/humanities/social sciences).
- Digital student course evaluations to be completed during class time.
- Increased emphasis on digital accessibility in Blackboard and course materials.
- Committee Updates: Curriculum & Courses reviewed ~40 new proposals; Steering formed an *ad hoc* committee on federal actions.
- Chair Announcements: Senate attendance will again be posted publicly; compliance with ADA accessibility standards emphasized (CTE support available).

#### November 5, 2025 Meeting

- Provost/Academic Affairs: Faculty awards scheduled; internal grant proposal window Nov 14-21.
- Course Evaluations (Explorance Blue): New faculty-facing and student-facing platforms introduced.
- Committee Updates: Curriculum & Courses approved 26 courses; Steering approved UCPTF replacement.
- Chair Report: Parking survey ongoing; short accessibility training sessions (Word/PPT) scheduled.

### **Staff Senate Report – Emily Miles**

- Reminder about volunteer opportunities: <https://linktr.ee/USCVolunteer>
- Cornhole Tournament set for Nov. 20
- Guest speaker Brice Bible, VP for Information Technology, shared several updates: currently 16,000 users across campus have signed up for a ChatGPT account; the Garnet Foundry Website on sc.edu has everything you need to know about AI
- Guest speaker Robyn Pease, USC Staff Ombudsman presented the annual report for her office and noted 162 visitors from Jan. 2024-June 2025
- Visit the Staff Senate website at [sc.edu/staffsenate](http://sc.edu/staffsenate) to view past meetings, and join general body meetings via Teams

### **Interim Dean’s Report – Dr. Gerry Harmon**

1. Town Hall Meeting – October 29<sup>th</sup> - Lookback
2. AAMC Conference – November 1-5<sup>th</sup> - Lookback
3. Reminder – Next Executive Committee Meeting – December 2nd
4. Reminder – Thanksgiving Break – November 27-28th
5. Admissions add 5 new matriculants this year to SOMC Class of 2030
6. Committees Ad Hoc Task Force Update
7. Other General Updates