

Executive Committee Meeting Reports December 2, 2025

Senior Associate Dean's Report – Dr. Caughman Taylor

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

Operational Finance and Administration Report – Derek Payne

USC School of Medicine Educational Trust: Trust compensation agreements are due this month. The Investment/Retirement Committee will meet on Friday, December 12th, at 2:00. The December payroll deadline is Friday, December 12th.

School of Medicine Finance and Administration:

- *Faculty Budget Committee:* The Faculty Budget Committee will hold its last meeting of the year on Friday, December 5th.
- *International Travel Reminder:* International travel requires advance approval by the Office of the Dean and grant or other external funding.

Facilities Update: Parking continues to be a challenge on the VA campus. Work on Lot 19 has resumed and is scheduled for completion in January. The work that resulted in partial closure of Lot 11A is expected to be completed around the first of the year. Lot 22 has been zoned for VA patient parking only.

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

The promotion cycle is under way for professional-track faculty with files having been received in the office and are now out for committee review. Faculty will be notified if their promotion has been approved in late July/early August 2026.

Post-tenure review guidelines for basic science faculty and appointment and promotion guidelines for professional-track basic science faculty that were submitted this past spring have been returned to the SOM with revisions requested.

The SOM Columbia and SOM Greenville continue to work on developing a joint set of guidelines for professional-track clinical faculty. Work is also being done to update the promotion and tenure guidelines for the clinical faculty.

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

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Student Affairs Report – Dr. Eric Williams

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Graduate Medical Education Report – Dr. Chuck Carter

Announcements:

The GME office conducted a Program Director/Program Administrator development session on ACGME Accreditation site visits on November 18th.

Dr. Mark Humphrey, Program Director for Preventive Medicine and Clinical Associate Professor, has been appointed to the ACGME Review Committee for Preventive Medicine.

Accreditation:

Most residency and fellowship programs will receive their annual decision on their accreditation status in Winter 2025, and one program has already received their notice of Continued Accreditation.

Strategic Initiatives & Accreditation - Dr. Bobby Miller

- LCME Consultation virtual sessions are the mornings of December 11th & December 12th – 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**

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

Research Report - Dr. Leo Bonilha

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

Graduate Education Report - Dr. Paul Toriello

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

Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Cameron McCarthy

No report – anything additional will be presented verbally.

Staff Senate Report – Emily Miles

- Caroline Agardy (VP for HR) shared HR updates, including HR updating to the market pay structure to align with other higher education institutions
 - Main Campus HR is also partnering with Staff Senate to review and strengthen its communications efforts
 - Brian Favela (Director of Parking and Transportation) shared an overview of the Parking Master Mobility Plan and addressed parking questions and concerns
 - Reminder for volunteer opportunities through Staff Senate: <https://linktr.ee/USCVolunteer>
 - Reminder that the 2026 Staff Appreciation Day will be held on May 14, 2026
 - Next meeting is Dec. 9, at 3 p.m.
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Interim Dean's Report – Dr. Gerry Harmon

1. Reminder – Tree Lighting – December 3rd 3:30-4pm (Bldg 3 courtyard)
2. Reminder – SOMC Holiday Lunch – December 9th (2nd floor library), today (12/2) last day to RSVP
3. Reminder – Christmas Break – December 24th-January 1st
4. Reminder – Next Executive Committee Meeting – January 13th
5. Topping Out Event (December) – HSC & Beam Signing
6. Committees on Committees
7. PMI Chair Search Launches
8. Reminder – Use of the School calendar for events
9. LCME Virtual Consultation – December 11th & 12th
10. Other General Updates