

Executive Committee Meeting Reports

May 6, 2025

Senior Associate Dean's Report – Dr. Caughman Taylor

No report.

Operational Finance and Administration Report – Derek Payne

USC School of Medicine Educational Trust: The 2025 Compensation Agreement process continues. Please reach out to your chair if you have not yet signed your agreement. Audit season is rapidly approaching for both the retirement plan and financial statements.

School of Medicine Finance and Administration: The State budget process is continuing to work its way through the Legislature. The Senate passed its version of the budget on April 23rd. There are material differences between the House and Senate versions that must be worked out before it can be approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. Human Resources will communicate any plans related to a potential general increase once the budget has been finalized.

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. The VA's contractor has ceased work on Lot 19 due to a utility problem that must be addressed before work can continue. We do not have a firm expected completion date at this time.

Current larger project status updates are as follows:

1. Medical Park 15 – Medical Park 15 remains closed for renovations.
 2. The cage washer project is nearing completion. The Facilities team is working through punch list items with the contractors.
 3. 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](#)
 4. 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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Academic Affairs Report – Dr. J.T. Thornhill

No report.

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

An all-faculty virtual (Teams) meeting was held April 30, 2025 at noon to facilitate a vote to approve the list of candidates for graduation from the Class of 2025.

The majority of faculty in attendance voted to approve the list of Class of 2025 graduating students, with no objection and one abstention.

In addition to approving the list of candidates graduating in May, a separate list of students was reviewed, and a vote was held to approve their graduation in December of 2025, pending final verification of all requirements by the registrar.

Student Affairs Report – Dr. Eric Williams

No report.

Graduate Medical Education Report – Dr. Chuck Carter

Announcements:

Prisma Health/USCSOM C annual Residency/Fellowship Graduate Recognition Ceremony will occur Thursday, June 5 from 3-4:30 pm at the Mitchell Auditorium on the Richland hospital campus. We look forward to recognizing our GME graduates. We will also celebrate residents and faculty who have received School of Medicine awards this year.

Accreditation:

No Updates.

No pending site visits in the Midlands.

Continuous Professional Development & Strategic Affairs –
Dr. Matt Orr

No report.

Research and Graduate Education Report
Dr. Leo Bonilha & Dr. Paul Toriello

Research Infrastructure/Administration:

1. Soar updates
2. AI updates
3. Federal funding updates.

Clinical Graduate Programs:

No report.

Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Fiona Hollis

No report.

Staff Senate Report – Brandon Brown

No report.

Interim Dean's Report – Dr. Gerry Harmon

1. Reflection on Dr. Weiss Visit (PH) and Update
2. Blueprint
3. Upcoming Strategic Planning Steering Committee Meeting 5/7
4. Admissions Assessment & Improvement Project
5. Need for faculty Attendance at the Graduation and Hooding Ceremonies 5/8-9 (graduation 5/9 at 11am at Koger)
6. May 26 Memorial Day