

Executive Committee Meeting Reports

January 14, 2025

Senior Associate Dean’s Report – Dr. Caughman Taylor

No report.

Operational Finance and Administration Report – Derek Payne

USC School of Medicine Educational Trust: 2025 Compensation Agreement process is underway. Work on Interim Financial Statements will begin this month.

School of Medicine Finance and Administration: The AFQ was completed and submitted in December. Work on the three-year financial plan and FY 2026 budget will begin in late January/early February. Reminders have been distributed about universal EPMS reviews for the February 1st deadline. The EPMS template is located at https://www.sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/human_resources/docs/epms.pdf and the performance characteristics may be found at https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/human_resources/talent_management/managing_performance/evaluating_performance/performance_characteristics/index.php

Facilities Update:

Current larger project status updates are as follows:

1. Medical Park 15 – Medical Park 15 remains closed for renovations.
 2. Renovation work continues on the future home of the Continuous Professional Development and Strategic Affairs department on Farrow Road. Completion is expected in mid-February.
 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

Faculty Promotions: Promotion and Tenure guidelines for the Library faculty have been approved and Basic Science Tenure-track Faculty are under review in the Provosts’ Office. Professional-track files for promotion are under review with the appropriate committees with a deadline of May 1st for the files to be received by the Provosts’ Office.

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

No report.

Student Affairs Report – Dr. Eric Williams

No report.

Graduate Medical Education Report – Dr. Chuck Carter

Announcements: Residency/Fellowship expansion proposals remain on hold by Prisma Health executive leadership, and positions are presently frozen at the current number of trainees as of July 1, 2024. State level advocacy is ongoing with DHHS.

The Midlands GME division remains without an office location on the clinical campus after leaving the former 15 MP location, and a permanent relocation is undetermined at this point.

Residents from the core USCSOM clinical rotation departments will participate in the LCME site visit in February 2025.

Fellowship matches have concluded for this interview season and the categorical programs are wrapping up interviews ahead of the upcoming NRMP main match. We hope to see an increase in SOM C students training at USCSOM C/Prisma Health for residency.

Continuous Professional Development & Strategic Affairs – Dr. Matt Orr

Strategic Plan: The SOMC Strategic Planning Steering Committee approved the one-year update to the 2023-2026 SOMC Strategic Plan, which will be presented for approval to this Executive Committee at this (January 2025) meeting.

Leadership Development: The 2025 iteration of the SOMC—Prisma Health Physician Leadership Institute is underway with 13 participants from the Midlands region.

Faculty Development Newsletter: The first two monthly editions of the “Compass” faculty development newsletter were distributed in November and December 2024. Please contact Dr. Morgan Rhodes, Director of Faculty Development (morgan.rhodes@uscmec.sc.edu) for more information or to discuss future editions.

CME Organization: We are collaborating with Dr. Alyson McGregor, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Development at the SOM Greenville and the CME office at SOMG to propose a strategy for the University of South Carolina Schools of Medicine and Prisma Health and to unify their two separate Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)-accredited CME programs (one in Columbia, one in Greenville) into a single accredited continuing education organization through Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education™. This initiative will streamline processes, enhance interprofessional collaboration, and align Continuing Education (CE) activities with Prisma Health’s and the SOM’s strategic goals for Continuous Professional Development (CPD) across all clinical disciplines. Achieving Joint Accreditation (JA) represents a transformative opportunity to better serve the educational needs of healthcare professionals while positioning the USC—Prisma Health partnership as a leader in interprofessional education and quality improvement.

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

Research Infrastructure/Administration:

- No Report

Clinical Graduate Programs:

1. General:

- a. All programs are working with SOMC Advancement on drafting “slip sheets” for prospective donors.

2. Program-specific:

a. Counseling and Rehabilitation:

- i. Building infrastructure of student-operated, faculty directed clinic.

b. Genetic Counseling:

- i. 199 applications for 9 slots.

c. Nurse Anesthesia:

- i. No report.

d. Physician Assistant:

- i. Dr. Kirby Cranford completed her Doctorate in Medical Science.

Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Fiona Hollis

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Russell House Theater at 3 PM.

Staff Senate Report – Whitney Williams

No report.

Interim Dean’s Report – Dr. Gerry Harmon

1. Strategic Plan Matters with Matt Orr
2. Other Policies Matters
3. Health Science Campus Groundbreaking 1/23/25 at 3pm – please RSVP to events7@sc.edu
4. Provost Spring 2025 Retreat 1/31/25 from 9am-1pm at the Russell House
5. LCME Site Visit 2/2/25 to 2/6/25 – update from Bobby Miller

- a. All of our updates were successfully submitted on January 2nd
- b. We have received requests for clarification about 3 elements:
- c. Element 7.7 related to professionalism remediation
- d. Element 8.2 related to curriculum mapping
- e. Element 8.3 related to review process for various phases of the curriculum
- f. Multiple meeting/prep sessions scheduled over the next 3 weeks.
- g. Visiting the Florence campus with PK on Friday, January 17th.