

Executive Committee Meeting Reports

June 3, 2025

Senior Associate Dean's Report – Dr. Caughman Taylor

No report.

Operational Finance and Administration Report – Derek Payne

USC School of Medicine Educational Trust: Audit season is upon us. The retirement plan audit is underway, and the financial statement audit will begin after final close next month.

School of Medicine Finance and Administration: The State budget has been approved by the Legislature and is currently awaiting the Governor's signature. Human Resources will communicate any plans related to a potential general increase once the budget has been finalized.

The Controller's Office has issued year-end processing deadlines. These have been communicated to the business management contacts.

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 is waiting on the lot 19 subcontractor to resume work. The current estimate for completion is 7/10/25.

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 substantially complete as of the date of report submission. The room should be turned over for occupancy by 5/30/25.
 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

UME update:

As part of our efforts to consolidate curricular support resources, we will be retiring the Aquifer platform. Aquifer was primarily used in the pediatrics clerkship and will be replaced by **OPENPediatrics**, a free, award-winning educational platform developed by Boston Children’s Hospital in collaboration with Harvard Medical School. OPENPediatrics is an open-access resource available to all medical professionals, including students.

Clerkship Directors and Florence-based Clerkship Site Directors were informed of this transition during the Clerkship/Site Director Summit held on May 16. Our institutional access to Aquifer will end on **June 30, 2025**.

Student Affairs Report – Dr. Eric Williams

No report.

Graduate Medical Education Report – Dr. Chuck Carter

Announcements:

Prisma Health/USCSOM Columbia 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.

Dr. Bonilla will assist in the program by recognizing residents and faculty who have received School of Medicine awards this year.

Dr. Keisler will join our Prisma Health/USCSOM Columbia new resident orientation to welcome our residents to the USCSOM family and orient them to LCME relevant requirements for residents.

Accreditation:

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:

No report.

Clinical Graduate Programs:

- a. Counseling and Rehabilitation: Drs. Stackhouse and Dawson supported the SC Dept of Corrections Employee Mental Health Day with Virtual reality experiences.
 - b. Genetic Counseling: No report.
 - c. Nurse Anesthesia: No report.
 - d. Physician Assistant:
 - i. 100% PANCE pass rate!
 - ii. Summer IPE activity with USC PT and the Midlands Tech PT assistant students.
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Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Fiona Hollis

No report.

Staff Senate Report – Brandon Brown

No report.

Interim Dean's Report – Dr. Gerry Harmon

General updates.