

## Executive Committee Meeting Reports July 8, 2025

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

No report.

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### Operational Finance and Administration Report – Derek Payne

Happy FY 2026!



**USC School of Medicine Educational Trust:** Work has commenced on the year-end financials for the Trust. Audit work will begin later this month. The retirement plan audit began last month and is due in October.

**School of Medicine Finance and Administration:** The 2% general increase has been applied with an effective date of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember that employees hired after March of 2019 are paid on a lag, so the increase will not be reflected in their July 15<sup>th</sup> paychecks.

Thank you for your assistance in meeting the year-end deadlines for processing invoices, expense reports, and journal entries.

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 has resumed on Lot 19. 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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### Academic Affairs Report – Dr. J.T. Thornhill

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

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

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

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

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

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**Graduate Medical Education Report – Dr. Chuck Carter**

**Announcements:**

Prisma Health/USC School of Medicine Columbia residency and fellowship programs welcome 90 new residents to our programs. Dr. Keisler welcomed and oriented our 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.

Note meeting conflict and additional update will be provided in August.

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**Continuous Professional Development & Strategic Affairs –**  
**Dr. Matt Orr**

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

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

### **Research Infrastructure/Administration (Bonilha):**

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

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

1. General: No report
2. Program-specific:
  - a. Counseling and Rehabilitation: Awarded a 3-year, \$573,000 grant from the Duke Endowment to help stand up the student-operated, faculty-directed counseling clinic.
  - b. Genetic Counseling: Students doing summer rotations at...
    - i. Oregon Health & Sciences,
    - ii. Children's National in DC,
    - iii. Univ of Tennessee,
    - iv. Univ of Miami,
    - v. UNC Chapel Hill,
    - vi. Manchester University in the UK
    - vii. Columbia, SC
  - c. Nurse Anesthesia: No report.
  - d. Physician Assistant: No report

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### **Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Fiona Hollis/Cameron McCarthy**

No report. Note meeting conflict and an update report will be provided in August. Also note the Faculty Senate is on Summer Recess.

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### **Staff Senate Report – Brandon Brown/Emily Miles**

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

1. Admissions Assessment & Improvement Project Update
2. Reminder on Evals for Faculty
3. Introduction of Dr. Frank Berger, Interim Chair of PMI
4. Introduction of Aubrey Lalashius, Dean's executive Assistant
5. Ollie Johnson Memorial I-95 Health Fair (Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup>, Santee)
6. Other general updates.