

Executive Committee Meeting Reports

December 3, 2024

Senior Associate Dean's Report – Dr. Caughman Taylor

No report.

Operational Finance and Administration Report – Derek Payne

USC School of Medicine Educational Trust: Note that the Trust December pay date will be Friday, December 20th, this year. Be on the lookout for 2025 Compensation Agreements.

School of Medicine Finance and Administration: The AFQ is under review for submission in mid-December. The next Faculty Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 6th. Please pay special attention to HR dates around the holidays. All December pay period deadlines have passed and the deadline for submissions for the January 15th payroll is Monday, December 9th.

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.
 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

We have received the request to fill the U.S. News Data collection for the U.S. News Medical Schools ranking. The turnaround they provided is relatively short and the survey is due on January 17, 2025. UME Office will be reaching out with requests for information in the upcoming weeks in order to complete the survey.

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 staff are in a temporary location in 3 MP pending renovation of the new permanent location. The move date to the permanent location was expected to be late May or early June 2024. Presently there is no definitive date or budget for this move due to the changeover in the fiscal year and competing projects. The current anticipated date for permanent relocation is undetermined at this point.

Dr. Renee Connolly left Prisma Health and USCSOM in November.

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

Accreditation Activities: The Preventive Medicine Program has received a preliminary notice of continued accreditation. Most residency and fellowship programs will receive their annual decision on their accreditation status in Winter 2025. Once all are received a full report will be included as part of this update.

The ACGME has notified the GME community that the implementation timeline of the proposed revised Institutional Requirements will be delayed as they work to align this revision with the revision of the Common Program Requirements.

The USCSOM-C OBGYN program continues their improvement efforts as part of their GMEC Special Review. The program is actively implementing the Special Review objectives. They are submitting regular reports to the GMEC and are showing consistent progress.

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:

1. General:

- a. No report.

2. Program-specific:

a. Counseling and Rehabilitation:

- i. Friendsgiving on 12/6 from 11:30am-1:30pm. Building one basement.

b. Genetic Counseling:

- i. Hosted the Genetic Counselors from around the state for the SC Genetic Counseling Conference. Students attended networking events. Great state-wide collaboration and learning experience for all!

c. Nurse Anesthesia:

- i. No report.

d. Physician Assistant:

- i. No report.

Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Fiona Hollis

General Faculty Meeting Notes from November 6, 2024

Report from the President: Unable to attend.

Report from the Provost:

- Two bi-weekly calls happened recently, including one on AI and education. Most recent was on faculty development offerings (e.g., Thomas Cooper Library and Center for Teaching Excellence offer training/workshops). These include some new tutorials on grading in blackboard which will happen 'soon'.
- Faculty awards are due November 11. Some awards allow for self-nominations.

Question about international students facing challenges as they did in the previous Trump presidency (i.e., do we have any plans?).

Answer: We have had no discussions of impact yet.

Report from Dr. LaNaé Budden (Director of the First-Generation Center)

- The center is located right off Horseshoe (within Maxcy residence hall).
- Encourage students to check them out, fill out their FAFSA (if they want to get federal work study). For federal work study, freshman through graduate students can apply/receive. We can hire research technicians and such on federal work study, where we only pay 25% of wages. Not limited to first-gen students, but just those meeting requirements based on FAFSA.

Reports from faculty standing committees

- Curricula and courses: 93 proposals.
- Spring 2025 will have clear guidelines for submitting these proposals (attempt to streamline). They are open to suggestions for these efforts.

Report of the Faculty advisory committee:

- Initial announcement to create a committee on the Carolina Core:

- Carolina Core Committee would help steer Carolina Core undergraduate course schedule, that would work with existing Carolina Core Approval committee (which focuses on course approvals and assessment of Carolina Core).
- New committee is 11 members (min 3, max 5 from College of Arts and Sciences). This will cause a small change in faculty manual (charge and committee makeup language goes in), so voting on this will happen in December.

Report of the Chair:

- We will have busy December-February meetings, but nothing to report otherwise. There is now a meeting in January and another in May.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 @ 3 p.m. in the Russell House Theater

Staff Senate Report – Whitney Williams

No report.

Interim Dean’s Report – Dr. Gerry Harmon

1. Groundbreaking for new Health Science Campus
2. Changes – Prisma Midlands CEO
3. President’s Initiative for South Carolina’s first hospital in neurological care update