

# Executive Committee Meeting Reports

## March 10, 2026

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

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

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### Operational Finance and Administration Report – Derek Payne

**USC School of Medicine Educational Trust:** Interim financial statement preparation is underway and planning for year-end has already started.

**School of Medicine Finance and Administration:**

- *EPMS:* Universal EPMS reviews are due to SOM HR.
- *Finance:* The new PCard Purchasing Shared Service model is live and being adjusted and the Provost Office recently held a Purchasing card Summit with Derek Payne and Dr. Marlene Wilson being the two SOM representatives.
- *International Travel Reminder:* International travel requires advance approval by the Office of the Dean and grant or other external funding.
- *Faculty Budget Committee:* Meeting was held Friday, March 6, 2026.

**Facilities Update:** Parking continues to be a challenge on the VA campus. No new deadline or completion dates have been announced by the VA.

Current larger project status updates are as follows:

1. 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](#)
  2. 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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### Faculty Affairs Report – Dr. J.T. Thornhill

Discussion of Professional-Track Appointment and Promotion Guidelines for Clinical Faculty.

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### Undergraduate Medical Education & Academic Affairs Report Dr. Predrag “PK” Krajacic

**Assistant Dean of Preclinical Curriculum Search:** Search Committee is in the final stages of conducting virtual interviews. Search process has progressed well, and we appreciate moving forward with on-campus interviews in April. Additional details regarding candidate schedules and opportunities for faculty engagement will be shared soon.

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

1. Tinisha McDuffie Memorial
  2. Match Day – March 20th
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## **Graduate Medical Education Report – Dr. Chuck Carter**

### **Announcements:**

Prisma Health/USCSOM Columbia Residency Directors look forward to the NRMP Match Day on March 20, 2026.

### **Accreditation:**

No updates.

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## **Strategic Initiatives & Accreditation - Dr. Bobby Miller**

1. Strategic Planning – covered in agenda item 6.
  2. Committees – covered in agenda item 7.
  3. LCME – covered in agenda item 9.
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## **Continuous Professional Development & Strategic Affairs**

### **Dr. Matt Orr**

Our ACCME-accredited CME program (referred to as the University of South Carolina School of Medicine – Prisma Health-Midlands Continuing Medical Education Organization) is currently pursuing Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education. Joint Accreditation is a single accreditation model that will allow us to award credit for the same activity for multiple professions, including physicians, (CME), physicians assistants (AAPA), pharmacists (ACPE), nurses (CNE), and others as well as enhance our ability to provide innovative education that reflects real-world, team-based healthcare delivery & supports stronger patient-centered outcomes related to that care.

We will maintain our ACCME-only accreditation until such time as we are awarded Joint Accreditation (no sooner than November 2027). If for any reason we are awarded JA, we will then have one year from that point to seek reaccreditation with ACCME only again.

### **Upcoming CME Opportunities:**

- **HCC Coding Documentation-InVio Health Network** – March 11, 2026 – 12:30-1:30 – Webinar. For more information: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekkbLpEAX7QgN7AfzbC2L3lclqvoUIMmuTAVELY6Hg/viewform>
  - **Understanding Levels of Post-Acute Care & Reimbursement Models-InVio Health Network** – March 13<sup>th</sup> – 12:00-1:30 pm (registration information to follow)
  - **South Carolina Hospice & Pallative Care Conference** – March 27, 2026 – Columbia Museum of Art, 1515 Main Street, Columbia, SC – add'l details: <https://cmetracker.net/USCSOMPHR/Catalog>
  - **129th Annual Palmetto Medical Dental Pharmaceutical Association** – April 24-26, 2026 – Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd, North Charleston, SC (**PMDPA Members Only**)
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## **Research Report - Dr. Leo Bonilha**

Research update slide.

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## **Graduate Education Report - Dr. Paul Toriello**

1. General:
    - a. IPE Simulation event occurring April 15 and 16. Involves UME, PA, DNAP & Pharm.
  2. Program-specific:
    - a. Counseling and Rehabilitation: Dr. Farren Stackhouse, a Provost's AI Teaching Faculty Fellow, presented at the USC Gen AI Showcase on 2/27.
    - b. Genetic Counseling: No report.
    - c. Nurse Anesthesia: No report.
    - d. Physician Assistant: Engaged in conversations to increase and innovate clinical rotations.
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## **Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Cameron McCarthy**

**March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Meeting**

### **President's Report**

- State budget negotiations ongoing; funding may decrease, but in-state tuition likely to remain unchanged.
- Applications continue to rise; projected Fall 2026 applications: 68,731 (~16% increase), though overall enrollment expected to remain stable.
- Post-tenure review expected to include Dean and Provost administrative review, beyond departmental evaluation.
- Efforts underway to streamline university support services.

### **Provost's Report**

- University Honors College remains top-ranked nationally.
- \$3,000 internship supplements available in selected fields.
- University economic impact exceeds \$7 billion statewide.

### **Guest Speaker**

- Dean David Banush (Libraries): Overview of library services and spaces supporting research and teaching.

### **Faculty Senate Committees**

- Steering Committee: Faculty Senate committee nominations underway.
- Faculty Advisory Committee: Ongoing Faculty Manual updates focused on clarity and modernization.

### **Faculty Senate Chair**

- 89 volunteers for 51 Senate-affiliated committee positions. Voting to commence post-meeting.
- First-generation student symposium announced.
- Digital accessibility compliance deadline: April 26
- Faculty Senate Chair-elect nomination process ongoing.

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.**

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## **Staff Senate Report – Emily Miles**

### **Staff Senate February Recap**

- Staff Senate President Burkett discussed several topics in the President’s Report, including campus leadership news, his conversations with Provost Fitzpatrick regarding Staff Senate representation inclusion on leadership search committees, digital accessibility requirements and more
  - USC President, Dr. Michael Amiridis, was a guest speaker at the February meeting, covering a range of topics
  - Halfie King with the Columbia Heart Association discussed the upcoming American Heart Association Heart Walk
  - Reminder, Staff Appreciation Day is May 14, 2026
  - Next meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 3 p.m.
  - Visit the Staff Senate website for more information: [sc.edu/staffsenate](http://sc.edu/staffsenate)
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## **Interim Dean’s Report – Dr. Gerry Harmon**

1. Action – Call to Action – if you are interested in participating in the Admissions Committee, please contact Rhinehart (Bonilha/Dean)
2. Discussion – Brain Health Center Update – Bonilha/Dean/Others (see reminder)
3. Discussion – Health Sciences Campus Update – Dean/Perkins
4. Discussion – Admissions Plans and Update – Dean/Others
5. Discussion – Changes in the Office of Human Resources & Search for New VP (Internal USC Candidates)
6. Discussion – Strategic Planning Started & Update – Miller/Orr
7. Discussion – USCSOMC Workgroup on Committees Started & Update – Perkins/Miller
8. Discussion – Purchasing Cards Update – Payne/Wilson
9. Discussion – LCME Update – Bobby Miller
10. Reflection – AARP Health Fair
11. Search – PMI Chair Update
12. Search – USCSOMC Dean Update
13. Search – Other searches updates and Candidate Environment (Dean/Group)
14. Reminder – Next Executive Committee Meeting – April 7th
15. Reminder – Staff Evaluations Extended – due to HR by March 1st
16. Reminder – Faculty Evaluations due back to Dean’s Office (Aubrey) by May 29th
17. Reminder – Brain Health Center Ribbon Cutting – March
18. Reminder – Match Day for Medical Students – Boyd Plaza – March 20<sup>th</sup>
19. Reminder – Hooding – May 7<sup>th</sup> (11am/3pm)
20. Reminder – Commencement – May 8<sup>th</sup> (noon)
21. Reminder – Staff Appreciation Day – May 14th
22. Reminder – Alumni Weekend starts Friday, April 17th
23. Other General Updates