

Executive Committee Meeting Reports

April 7, 2026

Senior Associate Dean's Report – Dr. Caughman Taylor

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

Operational Finance and Administration Report – Derek Payne

USC School of Medicine Educational Trust: Please notify the Trust Office if your address is incorrect on your ADP paystub or Merrill Lynch quarterly statement. If you need a change of beneficiary form for your Merrill Lynch account, please let us know.

School of Medicine Finance and Administration:

- The School's three-year financial plan was reviewed with the Provost and members of the budget office at the annual Blueprint and Budgets Meeting last week.
- *Purchasing Cards:* The Controller's Office and Procurement continue to work on solutions to the purchasing card pain. An update was sent to all business contacts last week.
- *Title IX Training is due May 1st.* Check your inbox for a communication from Vector LMS Higher Education Edition Online Training.
- *International Travel Reminder:* International travel requires advance approval by the Office of the Dean and grant or other external funding.

Facilities Update: Parking remains a challenge on the VA campus. We continue to await an estimated completion date on Lot 19.

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](#)

Reminder – Updated Emergency Plan for USCSOM-C may be found at: [Emergency Management - My School of Medicine Columbia | University of South Carolina](#)

Faculty Affairs Report – Dr. J.T. Thornhill

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

Undergraduate Medical Education & Academic Affairs Report Dr. Predrag "PK" Krajacic

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Student Affairs Report – Dr. Eric Williams

1. Match Day – March 20th, see attached stat sheet
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Graduate Medical Education Report – Dr. Chuck Carter

Announcements:

Prisma Health/USCSOM Columbia Residencies had a successful Match, filling all residency positions. 10 SOM Columbia students will enter training in Prisma Health/USCSOM Columbia programs this summer.

The Prisma Health/USC GME Graduate Recognition will occur on June 4.

Accreditation:

No updates.

Strategic Initiatives & Accreditation - Dr. Bobby Miller

1. Committee updates
 2. CQI.
 3. LCME
 4. Strategic planning
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Continuous Professional Development & Strategic Affairs

Dr. Matt Orr

Upcoming CME Opportunities:

- **129th Annual Palmetto Medical Dental Pharmaceutical Association** – April 24-26, 2026 – Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd, North Charleston, SC (**PMDPA Members Only**)
 - **11th Annual ASC-SC Statewide Meeting** – May 4, 2026 – USC Alumni Center, 900 Senate Street – Registration to follow
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Research Report - Dr. Leo Bonilha

Research update slide.

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:
 - i. Aileen Welch named American Rehabilitation Counseling Association Student of the Year (ARCA).
 - ii. Two faculty and one grad – presenting at ARCA pre-conference symposium April 8. S-B is the President and coordinated the event in Columbus, Ohio.
 - b. Genetic Counseling: No report.
 - c. Nurse Anesthesia: No report.
 - d. Physician Assistant: No report.
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Faculty Senate Report – Dr. Cameron McCarthy

March 4th, 2026 Meeting

President's Report

- Budget & Enrollment: State budget may decline; in-state tuition expected to remain stable. Applications continue to rise (Fall 2026: 68,731; +16%), with stable overall enrollment anticipated.
- Post-Tenure Review: Moving toward expanded administrative oversight (Dean & Provost level)
- Operations: Ongoing efforts to streamline institutional support services.

Provost's Report

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

Libraries (Dean Banush):

- Overview of services and spaces supporting research and education.

Faculty Senate Committees

- Committee nominations underway
- Faculty Manual revisions in progress (clarity, consistency, modernization)
- Curriculum & courses update provided

Faculty Senate Chair

- Strong engagement: 89 volunteers for 51 committee roles
- Digital accessibility deadline: April
- Chair-elect nominations ongoing
- First-generation symposium announced

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

Staff Senate Report – Emily Miles

- SOMC Staff Senator Emily Miles has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Senate and will serve as Secretary for the 2026-27 term
 - The School of Medicine will have three open seats for the Senate for the 2026-27 cycle; self-nomination applications close April 17; visit sc.edu/staffsenate for more information
 - The Staff Senate meeting in March hosted guest speakers Provost Fitzpatrick and VP of Human Resources Caroline Agardy
 - Provost Fitzpatrick shared information about the Provost's office and presented current and future goals
 - VP Agardy shared information on the new USC Market Pay Structure
 - Staff Senate President Chris Burkett gave announcements on Canva enterprise, HR telecommuting hours transitioning to PeopleSoft and a reminder to nominate staff for the Excellence Awards, among other updates
 - Reminder, Staff Appreciation Day is May 14, 2026
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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. Reflection – Match Day – March 20, 2026 (Dean/PK/Williams/Group)
3. Reflection – Brain Health Center Ribbon Cutting – March 18, 2026, Update (Bonilha/Dean/Others)
4. Discussion – Health Sciences Campus Update (Dean/Perkins)
5. Discussion – Admissions Plans and Update – Dean/Others
6. Discussion – LCME Update – Bobby Miller
7. Search – PMI Chair Update (Bonilha/Dean/HR)
8. Search – USCSOMC Dean Update – April is Site visit Month for Candidates
9. Search – Other searches updates and Candidate Environment (Dean/Group)
10. Reminder – Next Executive Committee Meeting – May 5th
11. Reminder – Townhall – April 29th, M2 Classroom/Hybrid, 3-4 pm
12. Reminder – Faculty Evaluations due back to Dean's Office (Aubrey) by May 29th
13. Reminder – Alumni Weekend starts Friday, April 17th
14. Reminder – Hooding – May 7th (11am/3pm)
15. Reminder – Commencement – May 8th (noon)
16. Reminder – Staff Appreciation Day – May 14th
17. Other General Updates