

COMMITTEES

Academic Council

The Academic Council, appointed and chaired by the Dean and co-chaired by the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Diversity, meets monthly and is composed of all Academic Vice Chairs, Biomedical Sciences Chair, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, and GHS campus senior clinical and administrative leadership. Members serve on this council because of their role in the health system and the medical school. The House Staff President serves a one year role and is appointed to this committee by the Dean.

The Academic Council is the primary coordinating body for academic resource allocation and the clinical learning environment. This Council is advisory to the GHS Resource Council and serves all academic programs/governing bodies of the GHS Clinical University. Department Vice Chairs provide a report regarding their departmental faculty activities and chairs of standing committees will regularly report their activities to the Academic Council to promote awareness of the work of the committees.

The Academic Council also provides strategic direction for the USCSOM Greenville, including the promotion of interdisciplinary educational and research activity.

The Academic Council is responsible for the clinical learning environment, which includes six domains (patient safety, duty hour of faculty and trainees, hand-offs, quality improvement, supervision of trainees and professionalism). The following four subcommittees have been established to ensure a vibrant learning environment for the medical school:

- 1. Patient Safety/Quality
- 2. Professionalism/Supervision
- 3. Transition of Care/Work Hours
- 4. Resource Budget

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Appointed

Name	Department	Role
Jerry Youkey, M.D.	Dean, USCSOMG Council Chair	Non-Voting
Spence Taylor, M.D.	President, Greenville Health System Council Co-Chair	Non-Voting
Irfan Asif, M.D.	Vice Chair for Academics, Family Medicine	Voting
Thomas Blackwell, M.D.	Assistant Dean, Longitudinal Clinical Education	Voting
Robert Best, Ph.D.	Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs	Voting
Edward Bray, M.D.	Associate Dean, GME/DIO	Voting
Laura Copeland, M.D.	President, House Staff	Voting
David Cull, M.D.	Vice Chair for Academics, Surgery	Voting
J. Michael Fuller, M.D.	Vice Chair for Academics, Internal Medicine	Voting
Joy Green-Hadden, D.N.P.	Executive Director, Advanced Practice Nursing	Voting
Ben Griffeth, M.D.	Vice Chair for Academics, Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine	Voting
Rick Hodinka, Ph.D.	Chair, USCSOMG Biomedical Sciences	Voting
Kyle Jeray, M.D.	Vice Chair for Academics, Orthopaedics	Voting
Paul Johnson, M.H.A.	Campus President, Greenville Memorial Hospital	Voting
Desmond Kelly, M.D.	Vice Chair for Academics, Paediatrics	Voting
Jennifer Knight, M.D.	Vice Chair for Academics, Pathology	Voting
Steven Lowe, M.D.	Vice Chair for Academics, Radiology	Voting
Ron Pirrallo, M.D.	Vice Chair for Academics, Emergency Medicine	Voting
Mark Pruitt, M.D.	Vice Chair for Academics, Anesthesiology	Voting
Windsor Sherrill, Ph.D.	Chief Science Officer	Voting

Brenda Thames, Ed.D.	Vice President, Academic and Faculty Affairs	Voting
Thomas Wheeler, M.D.	Vice Chair for Academics, Obstetrics & Gynecology	Voting
Cortney Easterling	Communications	Non-voting
Cindy Youssef	Academics Chief of Staff, GHS	Non-voting

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