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Dear Dr. Facelli,

**Background:**

In 2015, the School of Medicine (SOM) Charter was provisionally approved. The SOM Charter was to go back to the Senate EC in 2016 with modifications to more closely align with University policy. Due to the leadership changes within Health Sciences, the SOM Charter did not get revised.

**Goal:**

We are now coming to the Senate EC with a revised updated Charter. Specifically, we have made changes to the composition of the SOM College Council to align with University policy. We have also addressed changes mandated by our Medical Student accrediting body, Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) on oversight of the Medical Student curriculum. The LCME is the U.S. Department of Education-recognized accrediting body for programs leading to the M.D. degree in the United States. The LCME is jointly sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the American Medical Association. The oversight process of the Medical Student curriculum is taken from the LCME guidelines. The SOM Medical Student program is being reviewed for accreditation by the LCME in spring of 2020.

Included in this packet are:

- Proposed SOM Charter/Bylaws
- LCME Elements that speak to the verbiage in proposed Charter/Bylaws that speak to the Dean's Authority
  - 1.3 – Mechanism for Faculty Participation
  - 1.5 – Bylaws
  - 2.3 Access and Authority of the Dean
  - 8.1 – Curricular Management
- Voting Results of the SOM College Council

Please note, we are in the process of achieving quorum of our Tenure-line faculty for the proposed Charter/Bylaws.



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