

Mr. Julian M. Young, Director of Alumni Affairs

Dr. Charlene Wages, Vice President for Administration

Mr. William Coleman called the meeting to order at 11:35 am. He then asked Mrs. Ashley Jacobs to call the roll. Mr. Coleman then noted for the record that media notification had been made in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, and that a quorum was present.

Mr. Coleman presented the minutes of the February 5, 2010 Board Meeting to the Board for approval. Mr. Hal Campbell made a motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kevin O’Kelly. The minutes received unanimous approval by the Board.

Mr. Coleman then welcomed the two new board members; Mr. Eddie Gunn and Mr. Tracy Freeman.

Academic Affairs and Accreditation Committee:

Dr. Kevin O’Kelly began by presenting Resolution 02-10, Resolution for Approving a Change to the Mission Statement for Francis Marion University. This resolution includes the Specialist degree to satisfy the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requirements for accreditation as well as the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education Commission. Dr. O’Kelly then made a motion to have this Resolution approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dozier. Resolution 02-10 received unanimous approval by the board.

Dr. O’Kelly then reported that the Biology Department faculty was grateful to receive stimulus money that they used to update and purchase new equipment. Next, he commended the School of Education’s Center of Excellence for continuing to do excellent work for the University.

The committee received reports from Dr. Ken Kitts and Mr. Darryl Bridges about the National Survey of Student Engagement data. The NSSE is a survey of freshmen and seniors which uses comparative data nationally to discuss 5 areas used for SACS accreditation. The results revealed that FMU out performed its Carnegie class in the United States and benchmarks were up over the last 3 years.

Development and Alumni Committee:

Mr. Tim Norwood reported that the Non-Profit Leadership Institute completed its eighth year of operation in April, 2010. There were 30 graduates, 17 from the Pee Dee and 13 from outside of the Pee Dee area.

Mr. Norwood then presented updates on the RALI outreach program. He began by reporting that FMU continues the Rural Leadership Area Initiative outreach program in four counties; Marlboro, Marion, Williamsburg and Dillon. In Marlboro County, FMU continues to make advances in city and county governments as well as exploring the possibility of consolidating adult and youth recreation services. Marion County assisted in forming an advisory board to work with the leadership of the Pee Dee Area Boys Club to raise the necessary funds to get a club site started. Williamsburg County celebrated the successful opening of the Chavis One Stop Center in Hemmingway on May 17, 2010 with Dr. Carter and other dignitaries participating in the opening and ribbon cutting ceremony. Dillon County is making great strides in opening a free medical clinic in the city of Dillon. They have been very successful in forming a free clinic board and securing funds for a facility and renovations. They will soon announce a very nice gift from the South Carolina Base Corporate Foundation.

Mr. Norwood recognized the FMU Foundation Board members that rotated off of the Board after 9 years of service. They were Frank Avent, Emerson Gower, Hood Temple and Frank Willis. The new members of the FMU Foundation Board beginning July 1, 2010 were also recognized. They are Buddy Brand, Mark Buyck, Jr., Sarah Caggiano, Frank Elmore and Jane Huggins. The Foundation Executive Committee remained unchanged with the following Officers:

Reamer B. King, *Chairman*;

Floyd L. Keels, *Vice Chairman*;

T. Hal Campbell, *Secretary*; and

F. “Schip” Johnston, *Treasurer*.