

Introduction to Campus Planning

Francis Marion University complies with the State's Annual Comprehensive Permanent Improvement requirement for Capital Planning. Section 2-47-55 of the S.C. Code of Laws requires all state agencies responsible for providing and maintaining physical facilities to submit a Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) to the Joint Bond Review Committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA). The CPIP must include all of the agency's permanent improvement projects anticipated and proposed over the next five years beginning with the fiscal year starting July 1 after submission. The purpose of the CPIP process is to provide the committee and the authority with an outline of each agency's permanent improvement activities for the next five years. Higher education institutions must also submit the CPIP to the Commission on Higher Education in accordance with the statute.

To fulfill its mission, and in accordance with the Facilities Guiding Principles contained in the University's Strategic Plan, the University makes ongoing strategic capital investments in academic, student life, athletic, housing, parking and other plant facilities using an appropriate mix of funding sources including state appropriations, state capital reserves, state institution bonds, internal capital reserves, and to a large degree, generous private grants.

This document reflects what will be contained in our FY 17-18 CPIP and our resultant budget request to the General Assembly as well as other capital projects currently underway or that will be progressively addressed in the future:

Non-Recurring Capital Bond Bill or General Appropriation Request

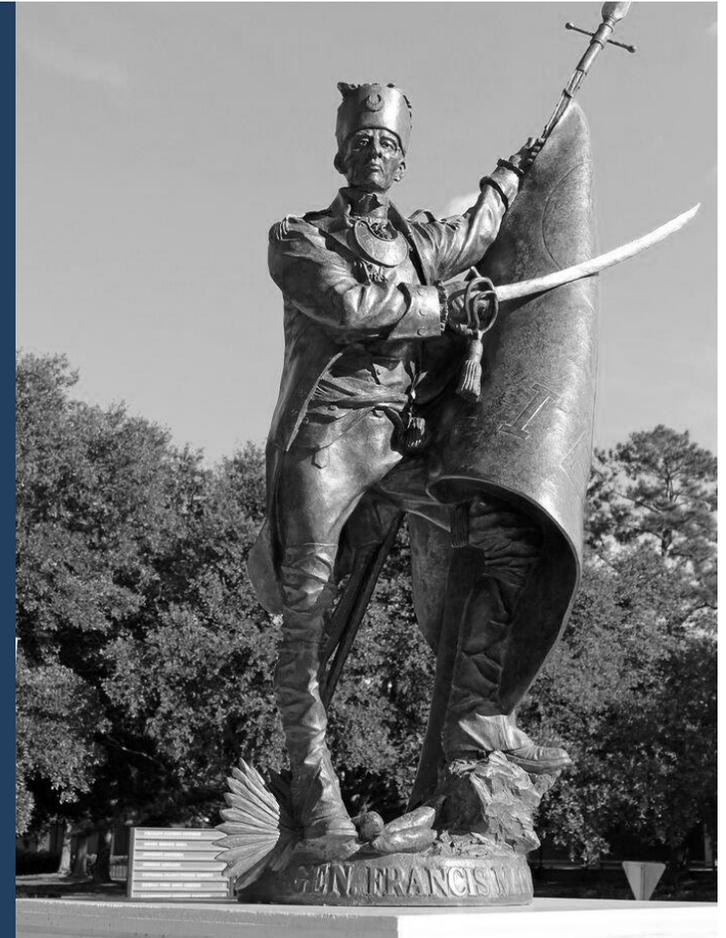
\$8m Medical and Health Education classroom Complex

\$2.4m Honors Building – This project totals 3.1m (\$700k received in FY16-17).

\$23m School of Business & Education Building

\$8.7m Infrastructure Improvements

Throughout this document excerpts are quoted from the original Campus Development Plan for Francis Marion College completed in 1971 for the fledgling school. Viewing the campus as it exists today, it is remarkable how the vision of its' founding fathers has come to realization forty six years later with regard to the layout of academic core buildings, parking areas, residence buildings, and athletic fields. Francis Marion College grew from that basic plan based on approximately 300 acres to a University comprised today of approximately 635 acres with four academic buildings located in downtown Florence.



“It is rich in growth and presents great opportunities to develop a beautiful campus. We envisage a park-like character with the buildings set among large trees and open sunny areas...Students brought up in beautiful, natural surroundings receive the kind of education that will make them conscious of the quality of their environment and mindful future citizens”

– Francis Marion College Campus
Development Plan 1971