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BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

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1. Corporate Name

The governing body of Francis Marion University is the Board of Trustees, which is by statute constituted a body corporate and politic under the name of the Board of Trustees for Francis Marion University and is charged with responsibility for overseeing the effective governance of the University.

2. Powers and Duties of the Board

The powers of the Board of Trustees are stated with clarity and comprehensiveness in the statute establishing the Board. [See SC Act 510 of 1988, Chapter 133; and H.3716, 2/12/92.] The Board of Trustees has the authority under the statute to manage and control the activities and policies of the University in accordance with applicable provisions of public law. The Board may adopt such policies, rules, and regulations as it may deem proper for its own governance and for the governance and management of the activities and resources of the University. The powers and duties of the Board of Trustees include, but are not limited to, the following illustrative functions:

1. To safeguard the purposes of the University and the ideals by which it is guided; to periodically review the mission and purpose of the University in the light of educational, economic, and societal change and to revise the mission and educational philosophy as needed, within the statutory framework and statewide coordination under which the University functions.
2. To assure the effective operation of educational programs and services so as to effectively carry out the University's mission; to review and approve proposals for major revision of degree programs and educational support services in accordance with the University's mission and resources; to confer degrees upon recommendation of the President and the faculty.
3. To assure the effectiveness of University governance, policy formation, and decision making; to establish an appropriate delegation of authority and responsibilities within the University; and to assure the effectiveness of communications, consultation, and cooperative decision making among the various sectors of the University community.
4. To appoint the President as the chief executive officer of the University; to delegate his responsibilities, evaluate his performance, provide for his leadership and welfare, and set appropriate conditions of employment, renewal, or termination.
5. To authorize the President to establish the administrative organization of the University and to appoint the senior administrative officers of the University in accordance with the bylaws and policies of the Board of Trustees.
6. To review and approve policies and procedures bearing on faculty appointment, promotion, tenure, and nonrenewal and to authorize the President to appoint members of the faculty; to review and approve general personnel policies, including protection for all employees against any form of discrimination or any violation of due process rights in employment.
7. To assure the effectiveness of comprehensive and mission-based institutional planning; to review, approve, and adopt plans for program development, financial strengthening, and capital and campus development; to assure the effective implementation of plans and to monitor the formation of short-term plans and decisions in the light of long-term goals for University development.
8. To delegate the functions and responsibilities of the faculty and to provide for the effectiveness of the faculty in discharging those functions and responsibilities.
9. To review and approve the annual operating budget of the University; to regularly monitor the financial condition of the University and to establish plans, financial policies, and investment practices designed to assure the financial strength and stability of the University.