

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Francis Marion University
Ervin Dining Hall, Hendrick Room

Thursday, June 22, 2017 – 3:00 pm – 3:35 pm

Presiding:

Mr. Kenneth W. Jackson, Chairman

Present:

Mr. Jody Bryson
Mr. William W. Coleman, Jr.
Dr. H. Randall Dozier
Mr. Benjamin I. Duncan, II
Mr. L. Franklin Elmore
Mr. R. Tracy Freeman
Mr. William Edward Gunn
Mrs. Patricia C. Hartung
Mr. Stephen N. Jones
Mr. Floyd L. Keels
Ms. Karen A. Leatherman
Mr. Robert E. Lee
Mr. George C. McIntyre
Mr. Mark S. Moore

Others Present:

Dr. Shirley Bausmith, Dean of the School of Education and Professor of Education
Mr. Darryl Bridges, Vice President for Development/Executive Director of the Foundation
Dr. L. Fred Carter, President
Ms. Rebecca Cross, Morning News
Mrs. Kim Davis, Executive Assistant to the President
Mr. Daniel Dukes, Legislative Liaison
Mrs. Joyce Durant, Dean of the Library
Mr. Jonathan P. Edwards, General Counsel
Mr. Larry Falck, Media Production and Web Design Coordinator
Dr. Rebecca Flannagan, Chair of the Faculty and Professor of English
Dr. Karen Fries, Secretary of the Faculty and Assistant Professor of Education
Mr. A. Glen Gourley, Vice Chair of the Faculty and Professor of Theatre Arts and Speech –
Directing
Mr. Murray G. Hartzler, Director of Athletics
Dr. Christopher M. Kennedy, Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Programs
Dr. Peter King, Provost
Mr. Jay Kispert, Vice President for Business Affairs
Dr. Jennifer Kunka, Associate Provost for Advising and Professor of English
Mr. Matthew J. McColl, Director of Communications
Dr. Tracy Meetze-Holcombe, Associate Dean of the School of Education and Professor of
Education
Mr. Tucker Mitchell, Executive Director of Public Affairs
Ms. Fredricka Pressley, SGA President
Mrs. Teresa J. Ramey, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Ms. Julie D. Thomas, Interim Program Director of Physician Assistant Studies and Assistant
Professor of Physician Assistant Studies
Dr. Charlene Wages, Vice President for Administration
Dr. Alissa Wartens, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management
Mr. R. Thomas Welch, Assistant Vice President of Financial Services
Dr. Ruth Wittmann-Price, Dean of the School of Health Sciences and Professor of Nursing
Mr. Julian M. Young, Director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving

- An Alumni Meet and Greet Reception was held in Greenville on June 6. Other receptions are being planned for July in Aiken or Augusta, and after the fall semester begins in Myrtle Beach and Charleston.
- An Annual Fund Drive is currently underway by direct mail and email.
- The Young Alumni Council recently had their elections, and they will be working with the Student Alumni Association to plan activities for the fall semester.
- The foundation recently received an unmodified audit opinion during the annual audit. It was also noted that 90% of the Foundation expenses went to scholarships and other program support areas while approximately 10% went toward general and administrative expenses, which is highly commendable.

Mr. Elmore concluded his report.

Financial Affairs and Facilities Committee:

Mr. Jones shared the following information from the committee meeting:

Budget Summary Report:

- Spring 2017 revenue has been collected, with 97.2% of the budgeted amount received.
- Late Spring revenues were \$31,000 short of the \$210,000 budget projection. However, as of May 31, it is expected that Summer I revenues will align with the amount budgeted.
- It is expected that over 99.2% of budgeted revenue will be received by fiscal year end.
- As of May 31, 89% of general funds were expended, which aligns with budget expectations.
- Total employee headcount is currently 498, and FTE is 444.86. This change is due to the addition of three employees in the facilities/campus police area. The four year change is 11 for headcount and 10.60 for FTE.
- The Financial Aid Office made a final estimate of aid for 2016-17 equaling \$52,622,274. The increase in aid this year was mainly due to the receipt of approximately \$500,000 in federal funds for scholarship grant awards for the Nursing program. It is anticipated that total financial aid will increase to \$54.3 million, which is largely due to a combination of grants, scholarships, and loans estimated by the Financial Aid Office.
- Resolution 03-17 for University Budget Approval was presented to the board, which comes from the committee with unanimous approval. Mr. Jones made a motion for the resolution to be approved, and Mr. Elmore seconded the motion. The resolution received unanimous approval by the board.
- Resolution 04-17 for a Purchasing Card Authorization Increase for Select University Employees was presented to the board, which comes from the committee with unanimous approval. Mr. Jones made a motion for the resolution to be approved, and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Mr. Gunn stated that, since he is the Chief Administrative Officer of the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office which oversees the procurement card program for state agencies, he would not engage in discussion during the board meeting and would abstain when the vote is called. The resolution received unanimous approval by the voting board members.