

# Board Minutes - November 9, 2012

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

Francis Marion University

Ervin Dining Hall, Hendrick Room

Friday, November 9, 2012 – 11:30am – 12:05 pm

Presiding:

Dr. H. Randall Dozier, Chairman

Present:

Mr. Bradley R. Boles

Mr. James A. Brown

Mr. William W. Coleman

Ms. Melissa Emery

Mr. R. Tracy Freeman

Mr. William Edward Gunn

Mr. Kenneth W. Jackson

Mr. Stephen N. Jones

Mr. Robert E. Lee

Mr. George C. McIntyre

Mr. Timothy F. Norwood

Dr. J. Kevin O'Kelly

Mr. W.C. Stanton

Others Present:

Mr. Darryl L. Bridges, Vice President for Public and Community Affairs

Dr. L. Fred Carter, President

Dr. Richard Chapman, Provost

Ms. Angela R. Crosland, Public Information Coordinator

Mr. Jay Dowd, Vice President for Development/Executive Director of FMU Foundation

Mr. Daniel Dukes, Legislative Liaison

Mr. Larry Falck, Media Production & Web Design Coordinator

season with four top ten finishes. FMU placed second best and tied for fifth place in the Western Carolinas Home and Garden intercollegiate tournament. The women's basketball season starts on November 9, 2012 and the men's basketball season starts a week later. Mr. Gunn announced that the men's basketball coach, Mr. Gary Edwards, has assumed duties as the Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations. Lastly, Mr. Gunn reported that fundraising has been going well and that they are where they were last year or even beyond. He asked that anyone who has not joined the Swamp Fox Club to please do so.

Dr. Fred Carter added a few comments about Cody Simpson. He stated that over the last two years, Cody recruited, organized, developed, trained and led the delegations of the Columbia Student Legislature. It was an enormous amount of hard work on his part. He added that all of the students that participated deserve a tremendous amount of credit but the driving force behind this effort was Cody Simpson. Dr. Carter thanked Cody for his enthusiasm and enormous pride in FMU.

#### President's Report

Dr. Carter began his report by expressing his excitement about having 814 students in the freshmen class. Then he congratulated Dr. Peter King, Mrs. Perry Wilson and the Admissions staff for their great work with regard to enrollment and record attendance at all 2012 open houses. Dr. Carter then referred to Trustee George McIntyre's report by reiterating that 87% of FMU students are receiving financial assistance, and he encouraged the Trustees to continue to contribute to FMU and to encourage others to contribute. He stated that there is no greater gift that a man or woman can give than the gift of an education.

Then Dr. Carter reported that the Nurse Practitioner program will begin operations in January 2013, and discussions continue with the University of South Carolina about the Physicians' Assistant (PA) Program. He stated that Dr. Kevin O'Kelly is working with the faculty on the PA program and making substantial headway. Dr. Carter expects that the agreement for the PA program to be finished within the next year followed by a starting date announcement for the program. Next, he stated that discussions are moving forward regarding third and fourth year medical students pursuing their clinical work their work in Florence. He explained that FMU is a part of a consortium hosting this effort along with McLeod, Carolinas and the University of South Carolina. He stated that FMU's efforts are focused on two areas. The first area is being led by the Provost to complete the feasibility study by December 1, 2012. Shortly thereafter, there will be a meeting with the other three partners to develop a timeframe and a template for moving those initiatives forward. The second area of focus is raising funds for the Health Sciences building downtown and engaging in discussions with prospective donors. He stated that the building will cost around fifteen million dollars and be built in the vicinity of the Performing Arts Center. It will accommodate nurse practitioner students, physicians' assistant students, and third and fourth year medical students from the USC School of Medicine.