

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY**

Special Called Meeting

Francis Marion University

Stokes Administration Building – Board Room

Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 2:30 pm – 2:37 pm

### Presiding:

Dr. H. Randall Dozier, Chair

### Present:

Mrs. Beth Bauknight (by phone)

Mr. William W. Coleman, Jr. (by phone)

Mr. H. Paul Dove, Jr. (by phone)

Mr. R. Tracy Freeman (by phone)

Mr. William Edward Gunn (by phone)

Mrs. Patricia C. Hartung (by phone)

Mr. Kenneth W. Jackson (by phone)

Mr. Stephen N. Jones (by phone)

Ms. Karen Leatherman (by phone)

Mr. Robert E. Lee (by phone)

Mr. George C. McIntyre (by phone)

Mr. Mark S. Moore (by phone)

### Others Present:

Mr. Darryl Bridges, Vice President for Finance and Facilities

Dr. Fred Carter, President

Mr. Chris Day, Morning News Reporter

Mr. Larry Falck, Director of Multimedia Services

Dr. Sharon O'Kelley, Chair of the Faculty and Associate Professor of Mathematics

Mrs. Elizabeth Shefton, Executive Assistant to the President

Mrs. Anna Todd, Vice President of Communications

Dr. Alissa Wartens, Provost

Dr. Dozier called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm, and then he asked Mrs. Shefton to call the roll. Dr. Dozier then stated for the record that media notification was made in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, and that a quorum was present.

### Unfinished Business:

Dr. Dozier turned the meeting over to Dr. Carter to review the changes to the budget resolution.

Dr. Carter explained that the conference committee approved the conference committee report, which subsequently went to the general assembly yesterday. The report had some minor changes in it, especially to the state employee pay plan. They reduced the state employee pay plan from what the senate version was.

The resolution that will be considered today reflects these changes with some additions. What was contained in the budget that was passed by the general assembly was a state employee pay package, which provides a 2.25% increase for those who are making above \$50,000 and a \$1,125 recurring increase for those who make \$50,000 or less a year. We are asking the board to add an additional 1% pay increase for faculty and staff who make above \$50,000 a year and an additional \$500 recurring for those who make \$50,000 or less a year.

This budget will provide our employees a 3.25% recurring increase for those who make above \$50,000 and it will give those who make \$50,000 or less a \$1,625 recurring increase. The pay raise for our employees will be 44% higher than the rest of the state government.

Dr. Carter turned the meeting back over to Dr. Dozier.

Resolution 08-24 for University Budget Approval was presented to the board. Mr. Jones made a motion that the resolution be approved, and Mr. Freeman seconded the motion. The resolution received unanimous approval by the board.

New Business:

None

Dr. Dozier adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth W. Jackson  
Secretary