

Patriot Digest

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FMU receives major gift from PSARAS Foundation

Francis Marion University President Fred Carter and Chairman of the PSARAS Foundation James S. Konduros recently announced that the Foundation is donating \$500,000 to FMU to fund an initiative in memory of Gov. Robert E. McNair.

The gift – which was announced at a press conference – will be used for the creation of the Robert E. McNair Center for Government and History aimed at providing a setting where diverse energies of academic, research and outreach initiatives come together for purposeful collaborations.

“I am pleased to represent the PSARAS Foundation’s Board of Directors and delighted that our organization is partnering with Francis Marion University on such a historic occasion,” Konduros said. “The McNair Center fulfills a vision that Gov. McNair had for this state. I believe this gift will institutionalize his legacy.”

The two-pronged initiative will consist of (1) a McNair Scholars Program, a privately endowed scholarship project designed to bring to campus a new cadre of motivated

young scholars committed to public service and community leadership; and (2) a campus based research and service institute that will host the McNair Scholars and other related programs presently offered by the university.

“With its focus on teaching, research and outreach, the center will provide linkage between academic and community initiatives and provide a platform for future innovative projects, all consistent with the foresight and dreams of Bob McNair,” Carter said. “We are profoundly grateful to the PSARAS Foundation for partnering with us on this endeavor that will pay tribute to an extraordinary leader and allows his legacy to have an ongoing impact on this institution and the region we serve.”

FMU’s Non-Profit Leadership Institute, a yearlong program for executives in non-profit organizations around the state, will be part of the Center, as well as the Rural Area Leadership Institute, a series of capacity-building projects in Pee Dee counties. Also included will be the university’s International Program, which offers education exchange

programs for FMU and overseas students, and the university’s Model UN activity.

Francis Marion University, founded in 1970, is one of South Carolina’s 13 state-supported universities. As one of the state’s six comprehensive institutions, FMU prides itself on providing a strong liberal arts education for its 4,000 students.

The PSARAS Foundation is a South Carolina non-profit organization primarily engaged in supporting education and community services within the state of South Carolina.



Konduros, the McNair family and Carter

FMU trustees hold quarterly meeting

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees adopted a \$47 million operating budget for the university’s 2008-2009 fiscal year during its quarterly meeting Friday (June 6).

The budget included an 8 percent per semester tuition increase. Full-time South Carolina resident undergraduates will pay

\$3,673.50 per semester, an increase in tuition of \$272 from last year. Tuition for the FMU nursing program was set at \$5,755.50 per semester, an increase of \$427 from last year.

Full-time out-of-state undergraduate students will now pay \$7,347 per semester for tuition, and out-of-state nursing students will pay \$11,511 per semester. Full-time South Carolina graduate students will pay \$3,773.50 per semester, while out-of-state graduate students will pay \$7,547 per semester.

FMU’s \$47 million projected budget includes a base state appropriation of \$19.3 million, \$26.6 million in student fees and \$1.3 million in other revenue.

The tuition increase will yield nearly \$1.8 million in new revenues. Those dollars will

allow the university to fund its share of a state mandated one percent salary increase and to fund an additional two percent pay increase for faculty and staff; and to recoup a 3 percent reduction in state appropriations to the university’s base budget.

Trustees also approved a resolution establishing the Bachelor of Science degree in social science with a secondary education certification.

In the president’s report, FMU President Fred Carter thanked Professor of English Kenneth M. Autrey for his service as faculty chair since 2004 and welcomed the new faculty chair Theatre Professor D. Keith Best. Carter also noted the outstanding leadership of the FMU Board of Trustees.

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RALI moves forward in Williamsburg County

Williamsburg County members of Francis Marion University's Rural Area Leadership Initiative (RALI), a component of its Rural Assistance Initiative (RAI), and FMU officials gathered recently to announce next steps for establishing a non-profit organization to guide the project.

Funded through the General Assembly and the PSARAS Foundation, RALI is an extensive leadership training program for non-profit and civic organizations throughout the state. FMU already houses the state's premier training for non-profit leaders through the Non-Profit Leadership Institute (NPLI). Led by NPLI Director Fred Sheheen, and Jay Dowd, vice president for development and executive director of the FMU Foundation, the initiative is an extension of these services but will also include leadership training for civic organizations. In addition, to receive this training, leaders won't have to leave their communities.

Phase II of the initiative calls for each RALI group (Marion, Marlboro and Williamsburg) to apply for a 501c (3) charter as a non-profit corporation, with members in the original RALI group serving as members of the initial board of directors.

Williamsburg County RALI members are Kenneth M. Barr, Norma Bartelle, Theresa Brooks, Mauretta W. Dorsey, Louise Marshall Easterling, Charlie Fulton, Kim Harmon, Carletta Israel, Ernest Jarrett, Michael Johnson, Colleen Kelty, Glen Kennedy, Dewayne McClary,

H. Bryan Todd and Stan Williamson. Jannie Cooper is the Williamsburg County RALI liaison.

"As a part of the university's ongoing commitment of outreach to our neighboring communities and by fulfilling a significant component of its mission, we are very excited about being able to sponsor this leadership development initiative," said Dowd. "After concluding their six-month classroom experience, the participants now move forward with the establishment of a non-profit with the goal of impacting the quality of life in their respective communities."

According to FMU officials and RALI members, the goal of the initiative began with the recognition that some economically disadvantaged counties in South Carolina may also be disadvantaged in civic capacity. Through RALI, groups will build coalitions for problem-solving by identifying problems and taking informed ownership of solutions, thereby increasing civic capacity.

The vehicle chosen to cultivate a continued effort is the creation of a non-profit organization. To form the non-profit, members will first file for an article of incorporation with the South Carolina Secretary of State. Then, the group must secure the federal income tax exemption by filing the appropriate form with the Internal Revenue Service. The process takes approximately six months.

Trustees meeting... *Continued from front*

"Second to faculty productivity, the board's leadership has been a defining factor in the university's success over the past several years," Carter said.

In other business, the trustees presented a proclamation to H. Paul Dove, dean of FMU's Rogers Library, for his 33 years of service to the university. Dove came to FMU in 1975 as assistant acquisitions

librarian. In 1980, he became the acquisitions librarian, and in 1983, he became library director. In 1994, the position title was changed to dean of the library. Dove earned his undergraduate degree from Erskine College, a graduate degree from the University of South Carolina in French and one from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in library science.

Jobs on Campus

6-1-08

- ◆ Instructor/Assistant Professor of English
- ◆ Assistant Professor of English
- ◆ Lead Teacher
- ◆ Director of the Center for Entrepreneurship
- ◆ Part-time instructor of Biology
- ◆ Reference Librarian
- ◆ Part-time Teaching Assistant/Floater
- ◆ Part-time/Temporary Substitute Teaching Assistants
- ◆ Part-time/Temporary Teaching Assistant

Visit Human Resources in SAB, Rm 105 or call ext. 1140.

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Events Calendar

June

FMU Activities Camp 7:45 a.m.	June 23-27 UC
Dooley Planetarium "The Evening Sky" 3 p.m.	June 22 CEMC
New Student Orientation	June 26, 27
Astronomy Club meeting 7 p.m.	June 27 LSF 102

Digest Deadline

The Patriot Digest is published twice monthly and distributed on paydays.

Submit copy to the editor by June 25 for the June 30 edition. Contact the editor, Angela Crosland at acrosland@fmarion.edu or at ext. 1227.

FMU Foundation Board seats two new board members

Grady Greer of Florence and Rounder Saverance of Timmonsville have been elected to the Francis Marion University Foundation Board.

Each will begin his initial three-year term July 1. Board members may be elected to subsequent terms.

"The FMU Foundation Board takes its role of supporting the University's faculty, staff and students very seriously. The addition of Grady and Rounder further strengthens the board's ability to make a positive impact not only on campus, but through programs that reach into the region as well," said Reamer King, chairman of the FMU Foundation Board. "They both have highly successful business careers and we look forward to benefiting from their considerable expertise."

Greer is the CEO of Toledo Carolina, which provides weighing equipment and systems to local businesses in a 26-county area of northeast South Carolina and southeast North Carolina, and has been with the company since 1973. Greer was born and raised in Greer. He attended the University of South Carolina. He served on Florence County Council for four years, two of which were as chairman. He has been a member of several boards and organizations, including the School Foundation, Rotary Club, Hospice of the Pee Dee and the Pee Dee Regional Airport Authority. He also served three years in the U.S. Army.

Saverance is vice president of Citizens Bank, co-owner of Layton-Anderson Funeral Home and a farmer. He graduated from the S.C. Bankers School, N.C. Bankers School and Bankers School of the South at Louisiana State University. He is past president of the S.C. Banks

Association's Pee Dee Chapter, Timmonsville Chamber of Commerce, Timmonsville Jaycees, Pee Dee Mental Health Chapter and a past president of the Pee Dee State Bank where he served for 34 years. He is also founder of the Timmonsville Rescue Squad.

"We are excited to welcome Mr. Greer and Mr. Saverance to the FMU Foundation Board," said Jay Dowd, executive director of the FMU Foundation and FMU's vice president for development. "Each of them has already been supportive through their time and resources and this is yet another example of great friends of this university answering the call to be engaged at a higher level."

The Francis Marion University Foundation was organized in 1974 to provide a means for soliciting and accepting substantial gifts of money or property in order to build an endowment fund that would promote the educational purpose and welfare of FMU.

The FMU Foundation is governed by an independent volunteer board of directors, with additional honorary and ex-officio directors, including the president of the university and other key administrators.

The new officers for the Foundation are: Reamer King, president and owner of King Cadillac Buick Pontiac GMC Inc. in Florence - chairman; Floyd Keels, president and CEO of Santee Electric - vice chairman; Hal Campbell, president and chief executive officer of ACS Technologies - secretary; and Frederick Schipman Johnston, president and chief executive officer of Crown Beverages Inc. - treasurer. Physician Sompong Kraikit was named an honorary board member.

Schnepf and Gilmore join women's basketball staff

Francis Marion University Women's Basketball Head Coach Heather Macy has announced the hiring of Carol Schnepf of Conway and Adrienne Gilmore of Irmo as assistant coaches for the Patriot program.

The primary responsibilities for the two will include recruiting, on-floor coaching, individual player workouts, pre- and post-season workouts, and helping in the area of academic support for team members.

Schnepf takes the position formerly held by Jami Cornwell, who left to take a teaching position in secondary education, while Gilmore replaces John Basaldu, who left at the end of the 2007-08 season to pursue other career opportunities.

Schnepf has served as assistant coach at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa., for the past three seasons. She aided in the rebuilding process for a program that plays in a very tough NCAA Division III conference. While coaching, she earned her master's degree from Arcadia in 2007. She also administered the honors math program (grades 4-8) at the Blue Ribbon School of St. Genevieve School for the 2007-08 academic year.

She is a 2003 graduate of The Catholic University of America, where she earned a B.A. degree in business (marketing). A four-year starter on the basketball team, she ended her playing career as the school's third-leading all-time scorer with 1,404 points. She twice earned All-Capitol Athletic Conference recognition and was a four-time All-CAC Academic Team honoree.

Schnepf previously coached in the Oreland (Pa.) Basketball Summer (Youth) League and took part in the Buzz Braman Offensive Skills Camp in Columbia, Md.

"Carol stood out from the beginning of the interview process as the right person at the right time for this position," Macy said. "She is an extremely focused and determined person with an incredible passion for people and the game. She was sold on FMU immediately and will be a tremendous addition to the program."

"I am extremely excited for the opportunity to be a part of the Francis Marion University basketball community," Schnepf said. "It is an honor to be part of such a storied program and I am ready to work hard with Coach Macy and the school to ensure that the women's basketball program continues to shine."

Gilmore is a 2008 graduate of Furman University, where she received a B.A. degree in communications studies and was a four-year letterwinner on the Paladins basketball team. While in Greenville, she worked three summers as a counselor at the Sam Dixon Basketball Camp.

She was an All-State performer at Dutch Fork High School, where she played for coaches Anne Long (former Wilson High School coach) and Doretha Garland (FMU graduate and Florence native).

"Adrienne is a perfect fit for FMU," Macy said. "She has a strong work ethic, super personality, and her energy is contagious. She is going to be one of the great young coaches in women's basketball."

"Being a South Carolina native, I am very familiar with Florence and Francis Marion," Gilmore said. "The opportunity to work alongside Coach Macy at FMU is truly a blessing. The upward direction that the program is headed exemplifies the type of organization in which I am honored to be affiliated."

Summer Sports Camps Schedules

ACTIVITIES CAMP

DATES: June 9-July 2 (8 am-Noon)
AGES: 5-12 (boys and girls)
COST: \$150 (or by sessions)
DIRECTOR: FMU Athletic Coach Mark Bluman
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1239

SOCCER DAY CAMPS

DATES: July 7-11 (9 am-Noon) at ESAB Soccer Complex
August 4-8 (9 am-Noon) at ESAB Soccer Complex
AGES: 6-13 (boys and girls)
COST: \$100 (\$85 before June 15)
DIRECTOR: FMU men's coach Kevin Varnado
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1241

MEN'S SOCCER RESIDENTIAL CAMP

DATES: June 28-July 1 at FMU
AGES: 14-18 (boys)
COST: \$350 (residential) \$275 (commuter)
DIRECTOR: FMU men's coach Kevin Varnado
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1241

BASEBALL CAMPS

DATES: June 23-27 (9 am-Noon)
July 7-11 (9 am-Noon)
AGES: 7-12
COST: \$60 (\$70 if paid on first day of camp)
DIRECTOR: FMU head coach Art Inabinet
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1240

MEN'S BASKETBALL CAMP

DATES: June 16-19 (9 am-3:30 pm)
AGES: rising grades 3-11
COST: \$140 (lunch provided)
DIRECTOR: FMU men's asst. coach Jonathan Holmes
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-4626

MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM CAMP

DATES: June 20-22 (High School/Junior Varsity)
COST: \$450 per team
(\$95 per overnight campers)
DIRECTOR: FMU men's asst. coach Jonathan Holmes
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-4626

TENNIS CAMPS

DATES: June 9-13 (9 am-Noon)
July 7-11 (9 am-Noon)
AGES: 8-18 (boys and girls)
COST: \$60
DIRECTOR: FMU coach Garth Thomson
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1185

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CAMPS

DATES: June 27-29 ; July 11-13
AGES: rising grades 5-12 (girls ages 10-18)
COST: \$275 per camp (or \$95 per individual day)
DIRECTOR: FMU women's coach Heather Macy
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1249 or 336-420-2722

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL DAY CAMP

DATES: July 7-10 (9 am-4 pm)
AGES: 5-12 (girls)
COST: \$140 (lunch not included)
DIRECTOR: FMU women's coach Heather Macy
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1249 or 336-420-2722

WOMEN'S SOCCER RESIDENTIAL CAMP

DATES: July 27-30 at FMU
AGES: Girls 14-18
COST: \$435 residential (late fee after June 15)
(discount on cost with a team of 12)
DIRECTOR: FMU women's coach Marty Beall
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1248

WOMEN'S SOCCER DAY CAMPS

DATES: June 9-12 (9 am-Noon) at Grand Strand YMCA
DATES: June 16-19 (9 am-Noon) at Florence YMCA
DATES: July 14-17 (9 am-Noon) at Grand Strand YMCA
AGES: 7-13 (boys and girls)
COST: \$105
DATES: June 9-12 (9:30 am-11:30 am) Grand Strand YMCA
DATES: June 16-19 (9:30 am-11:30 am) at Florence YMCA
DATES: July 14-17 (9:30 am-11:30 am) Grand Strand YMCA
AGES: 4-6 (boys and girls)
COST: \$85
DIRECTOR: FMU women's coach Marty Beall
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1248

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM CAMP

DATES: June 14-16
AGES: rising grades 6-12 (High School/Strong Junior Varsity Teams)
COST: \$1750 per team (max. of 12 players)
DIRECTOR: FMU coach Paul MacDonald
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1246

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL CAMP

DATES: June 23-26
AGES: rising grades 6-12
COST: \$275 per player (residential); \$175 (commuter)
DIRECTOR: FMU coach Paul MacDonald
INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1246