

Patriot Digest

The Francis Marion University Faculty and Staff Newsletter

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Trustees approve \$41.7 million budget, tuition increase

The Francis Marion University Board of Trustees adopted a \$41.7 million operating budget for the university's 2006-2007 fiscal year during its quarterly meeting June 2.

The trustees also increased tuition 8 percent per semester. The increase means that full-time South Carolina resident undergraduates will pay \$3,256 per semester, up \$239 from last year. Tuition for the FMU nursing program was set at \$5,049 per semester, an increase of \$372 from last year.

Full-time out-of-state undergraduate students will now pay \$6,419.50 per semester, and out-of-state nursing students will pay \$10,005.50 per semester. Full-time South Carolina graduate students will pay \$3,356 per semester, while out-of-state graduate students will pay \$6,619.50 per semester.

Also approved by the board, and included in the above totals, is a \$25 hike in the student activity fee to support growth in student related programs.

FMU's \$41.7 million projected budget includes \$16.3 million in state appropriations, \$23.7 million in student fees and \$1.7 million in other revenue. The biggest part of the budget goes for personnel costs set at \$32.1 million, \$9 million for operating expenses, and about a half million dollars earmarked for specific new programs.

The \$16.3 million that FMU is receiving in state appropriations approaches the \$16.8 million in state funds appropriated in the 2001-2002

year and then drastically reduced in following years during a downturn in state revenues.

The tuition increase will yield \$1.7 million in new revenues. Those dollars will allow the university to fund its share of a state mandated 3 percent salary increase and to fund an additional 3 percent pay increase for faculty and staff; to hire new faculty to support program and enrollment growth; to fund faculty promotions, salary compression and professional development; to appoint two additional faculty research scholars; and to fund increased utility costs for the physical plant, including putting into use the nursing building and student activity center later this summer.

According to S.C. Commission on Higher Education figures, FMU has had the smallest percent increase in tuition and fees of any state institution over the last five years. FMU's fees have increased 66 percent during that period, compared to 98.5 percent for all public schools and 86.3 percent for the comprehensive teaching institutions.

Robert E. Lee of Florence, chairman of the FMU board's finance committee, said that the cost of an education at FMU is still one of the best educational buys in the state of South Carolina.

FMU President Fred Carter thanked the board for its action, saying that the moderate fee increase is necessary to maintain quality programs and keep

the university competitive within the state.

Carter also said that the nursing building and student activity building, both of which are nearly completed, will be wonderful additions to the campus physical plant. "Our nursing building will be a centerpiece of nursing education in South Carolina."

In other business, the trustees adopted a university-wide strategic plan and reinstated the Francis Marion College medallion to be used for ceremonial occasions. The board also thanked Joe Heyward, vice president for student affairs, who is retiring at the end of the month, for his 30-plus years of service to Francis Marion.

In committee reports, the trustees learned that freshman applications for the fall semester were up about 5 percent, the ninth year in a row that applications have increased.

Following the board meeting, the trustees participated in the dedication of Hanson Park, located between the Cottage and Wallace House, in memory of longtime faculty member and administrator Gary Hanson who died last year.

The 1.5-acre park has a garden-like atmosphere with footpaths, water pools and picnic tables where students and employees can find a quiet place for an outdoor lunch or to read and reflect. The park was designed in-house and all work was completed by FMU physical plant staff.

**Mark your calendar for the annual
Staff Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, July 26.
The event will begin at noon in the Ervin Dining Hall.
Outstanding Staff Service Awards will be presented.**

FMU obtains military commission of Francis Marion

Francis Marion University has obtained the congressional military commission of Revolutionary War hero and university namesake Francis Marion.

The document commissions Francis Marion as lieutenant colonel in the Second South Carolina Regiment of the U.S. Army, effective Sept. 16, 1776.

The document was purchased from Charleston attorney C. Allen Gibson Jr., a descendant of Francis Marion's sister, Rebecca Marion. Gibson and two of his aunts owned the document. The commission, which has been appraised at \$11,500, was passed down through the family for generations.

The commission was purchased below market value, with the remaining value given as a gift by the family to the university. The document measures 30.5 by 18.5 cm, and its condition is "very good," according to the appraisal.

The text begins "The United States of America in Congress Assembled To Francis Marion Esquire Greeting. We Reposing especial trust and confide [nce] in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity, Do by these presents constitute and appoint you, to be Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the Second South Carolina Regiment in the Army of the United States, to take rank as such from the Sixteenth day of September 1776...."

Witness His Excellency John Hanson Esq President of the Congress of the United States of America, at Philadelphia the twelfth day of April A.D. 1782 and in the Sixth Year of our Independence.

By Order of Congress
B Lincoln Secretary at War"

The document was evaluated at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. The commission has been re-framed and will be displayed in FMU's James A. Rogers Library.

"With so few artifacts relating to General Marion in existence, we are thrilled to have obtained this rare historical document," said FMU president Fred Carter. "The university is pleased to be able to share this important piece of Pee Dee history with the community."

Francis Marion (c. 1732-1795), nicknamed by the British as "the Swamp Fox," was a partisan leader in the American Revolution and is one of South Carolina's best remembered Patriots. "Bloody" Banastre Tarleton tagged Francis Marion that "wily ole' fox of the swamps" in about 1781, giving rise to Marion's legend as the master of strategy – never caught, rarely followed, yet seemingly always at hand, just when needed by the partisans.

For more information about Gen. Francis Marion, go to www.fmarion.edu/news/generalmarion

There's still time to register for FMU summer sports camps

TENNIS CAMP

DATES: June 19-23 (9 am-Noon)

July 10-14 (9 am-Noon)

AGES: 8-18 (boys and girls)

COST: \$60

DIRECTOR: FMU coach Garth Thomson

INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1185

4:30 pm)

AGES: (rising) Grades 5-12

COST: \$170 (\$185 if paid on the first day)

DIRECTOR: FMU women's coach Valecia Tedder

INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1249

WOMEN'S SOCCER

DATES: July 22-25 at FMU

AGES: Girls ages 13 and up

COST: \$350 residential, \$295 commuter (\$50 discount before June 1)

DIRECTOR: FMU women's coach Marty Beall

INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1248

AGES: (rising) Grades 6-12

COST: \$275 per player (resident camper includes room/meals); \$175 per player (commuter camper includes meals)

DIRECTOR: FMU coach Paul MacDonald

INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1246

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM CAMP

DATES: June 26-29 (5-9 pm)

COST: \$250 per team

DIRECTOR: FMU women's coach Valecia Tedder

INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1249

MEN'S SOCCER PATRIOT SHOWCASE/TEAM CAMP

DATES: July 15-18 (all day)

COST: \$300 residential camper; \$250 commuter camper

DIRECTOR: FMU men's coach Murray Hartzler

INFORMATION: Call 843-661-1237

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

DATES: June 26-29 (8:30 am-

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

DATES: July 19-22



Fitzkee named chair of FMU Mathematics Department

Thomas L. Fitzkee has been named chair of the Francis Marion University Department of Mathematics, effective July 10.

Fitzkee will replace Bill Fox, who has left FMU to pursue a position elsewhere.

Fitzkee joined the FMU faculty as an assistant professor of mathematics in 1998. He was appointed an associate professor in 2004.

Prior to coming to FMU, he was a business support specialist for Boeing/McDonnell Douglas Aerospace at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland.

Fitzkee earned the B.S. degree in mathematics from Salisbury State University in Maryland, the M.S. degree in mathematics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the Ph.D. degree in mathematics from George Washington University.

He was also a graduate teaching assistant at Virginia Tech and George Washington.

He has published seven articles, and has given numerous presentations at local, regional, national and international mathematics conferences. He is also the recipient of several grants.

Fitzkee has been a member of the

Mathematical Association of America and the American Mathematical Society. He was elected South Carolina state director for the MAA Southeastern Section beginning in fall 2006. He also serves as faculty adviser to FMU's Math Club.

"(FMU) President (Fred) Carter and I look forward to working with Tom Fitzkee in his new role as chair of the Department of Mathematics," said FMU provost Richard Chapman. "Tom will provide excellent leadership for the math program at FMU."

FMU baseball pitcher Lee Tabor drafted by Cincinnati Reds

Francis Marion University junior left-handed pitcher Lee Tabor was selected by the Cincinnati Reds in the 30th round of Major League Baseball's 2006 First-Year Player Draft, June 7.

Tabor was selected as the eighth pick in the 30th round (No. 894 overall) on the second day of the 50-round draft. Tabor is expected to make a decision in the next few weeks as to whether he will sign with the Reds or return to Francis Marion for his senior campaign.

This past season, the Manning native posted an 8-5 record with a 3.19 earned run average. He completed eight of 16 starts with one shutout, and ranked among the NCAA Division II leaders in strikeouts with 118 in 115.2 innings. Opponents batted only .238 against him.

Tabor helped lead the Patriots to their most successful season ever with a 41-18 record, earning a No. 6 national ranking, and advancing to the 2006 NCAA Division II College World Series.

An honorable mention All-American in 2005, he owns an 18-10 career mark with a 2.84 ERA in three seasons at FMU. He has fanned 230 batters in 243.2 innings.

Tabor is the fourth FMU player to be drafted over the past five years, joining center fielder Quentin Davis, chosen by the Atlanta Braves in the 13th round of the 2005 draft; right-handed pitcher Erin Jones, chosen in the 31st round of the 2004 draft by the New York Mets; and left-handed pitcher Hal Chafey, chosen by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 20th round of the 2002 draft.

Taylor named tennis All American; netters achieve rankings

Francis Marion University senior Kevin Taylor has been named to the 2006 Intercollegiate Tennis Association NCAA Division II All-America Team.

Taylor, who played No. 1 singles and teamed with David Budler at the No. 1 doubles spot, becomes the sixth Patriot men's tennis player to earn All-America honors. He joins Mark Bube (2000, 2001, 2002), Sollie Nortje (2000, 2001), Laszlo Leiter (1999), Sam Lundkvist (1995, 1996, 1997), and Garth Thomson (1989, 1990).

Taylor, a native of Benoni, South Africa, recorded a 20-4 record in dual match play this spring at the No.1 singles position. He ended the year ranked

sixth in NCAA Division II singles play. Taylor won the ITA Mid-Atlantic region singles title last fall and finished third at the ITA National Small College Championships.

Taylor and Budler were ranked 17th nationally in doubles with a 14-6 mark. Taylor helped lead the Patriots to a program-best 19-3 record, a No. 15 national ranking, and the program's 11th NCAA Division II national tournament appearance in the past 12 seasons. Earlier this summer he was named both the Mid-Atlantic Region "Senior Player of the Year" and Peach Belt Conference "Player of the Year."

Several other Patriot netters were listed among the end-of-the-season

Division II national individual rankings. Budler, a junior from Border, South Africa, was 37th in the men's singles rankings with a 17-4 record.

Sophomore Jenny Ludwig (Cologne, Germany) and junior Kamini Murugaboopathy (Chennai, India) were ranked 35th and 44th respectively in the women's singles rankings. Ludwig won 15 of her final 16 singles decisions to compile a 19-6 record at the No. 2 position, while Murugaboopathy played the No. 3 singles spot and finished the year with a 22-3 mark and a 14-match winning streak. They also teamed together for a 17-7 doubles record and a No. 23 national ranking.



Human Resources Update

Worksite screening to be held July 13

South Carolina State Health Plan Prevention Partners is accepting registration for a Florence Regional Worksite Screening to be held July 13 at the Francis Marion University Student Health Center.

The screening is available for just a \$15 co-payment. Within two weeks of the screening, you will receive your personal health profile, highlighting any values outside the normal range. You can send this report to your physician or take a copy with you on your next doctor's office visit, which may save you money and keep you from duplicating tests.

The health risk appraisal includes a lipid profile (total cholesterol, LDL,

HDL, and triglycerides); a chemistry profile (BUN, glucose, and electrolytes); and a hemogram (red and white blood cell count, hemoglobin and hematocrit).

Subscribers of the State Health Plan, BlueChoice (Companion), Cigna, and MUSC options are eligible. Spouses and dependents are not eligible.

A registration form was e-mailed to all FMU employees. Registration must be done through the Prevention Partners office in Columbia. The registration deadline is June 30. If an additional form or assistance is needed, contact Becky Culbertson at 1143 or rculbertson@fmarion.edu.

**Share your accomplishments!
E-mail faculty and staff news
to thudak@fmarion.edu**

Coming Up On Campus

JUNE

- through July 27 Art Gallery Series: "Seen/Unseen -- A Textured Life," by Angela Ketcham, HFAC gallery
- through July 27 Art Gallery Series: Feather Pottery -- Sasha and Tari Federer, HFAC gallery
- through July 27 Art Gallery Series: "The Quilting Way," by the Swamp Fox Quilters Guild, UC gallery
- 22-23 Orientation for new students
- 25 3 pm Dooley Planetarium public show: "The Constellations," CEMC

JULY

- 4 University closed for Independence Day holiday
- 6 Summer I classes end; exams
- 9 3 pm Dooley Planetarium public show: "The Evening Sky," CEMC
- 13-14 Orientation for new students
- 23 3 pm Dooley Planetarium public show: "Footprints on the Moon," CEMC
- 26 noon Staff Awards Luncheon, Ervin Dining Hall

AUG.

- 3 Orientation for new students

Jobs On-Campus

(as of 6-13-06)

- Grant Writer for Center of Excellence Activities (Part-time, Temporary)
- Part-time Instructor of Biology
- Part-time Press Operator
- Instructor of Chemistry
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of English (Composition)
- Director of Facilities Engineering and Maintenance
- Dean of Students
- Investor Relations/Marketing Coordinator – North Eastern Strategic Alliance
- Senior Accountant – Financial Reporting
- Lead Groundskeeper
- Administrative Assistant – Admissions
- Chief Information Officer
- Media Production Assistant
- Accountant – Student Receivables

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