MEMORANDUM

To: Alamo Colleges Family

From: Leo Zuniga, Associate Vice Chancellor of Communications

Date: March 24, 2015

Subject: Board Meeting Report

On behalf of Dr. Bruce Leslie, the following is a summary of proceedings of the Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees meeting of March 24, 2015.

Link: Board Agenda - March 24, 2015

CEREMONIALS/RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Student of the Month – March 2015

Taylor Conable, Alamo Colleges – Northeast Lakeview College, is the recipient of a $500 La Prensa Foundation Inspirational Scholarship, courtesy of the La Prensa Foundation, founded by Tino & Amelia "Millie" Duran. Ms. Conable is President of the Psychology Club, and a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the National Society of Leadership and Success. Additionally, she is an active volunteer at the San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC) in the Neurology Clinic and to date, has completed more than 2,200 volunteer hours. All while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She will complete her requirements for graduation this Spring and will graduate with her Associate of Arts degree from Northeast Lakeview College. Ms. Conable plans to transfer to Texas A&M in College Station to study Psychology. Her ultimate goal is to pursue her Ph.D and practice clinical psychology at a military facility, specifically to Veterans and their families who are struggling with PTSD.

Recognition of Dr. Willis Mackey, Superintendent Judson ISD; served six years as Superintendent of JISD

Employee of the Month – February 2015
The Alamo Colleges family recognized Belinda Esqueda, Distance Learning Support Specialist, Alamo Colleges - St. Philip’s College.

Employee of the Month – March 2015
The Alamo Colleges family recognized Yvonne Talamantez, Administrative Services Specialist, Alamo Colleges - Workforce Center of Excellence.

Palo Alto College Texas Award for Performance Excellence (TAPE); one of only three TAPE winners in Texas this year. Becomes the second of the Alamo Colleges to win the award. Northwest Vista College earned the award in 2007.

Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle 2015 Platinum Award for Financial Transparency
The award recognizes local governments for financial transparency by opening their books to the public that helps taxpayers understand how their tax dollars are spent.

Emeritus Status
Mr. William Richardson, Professor Emeritus, Kinesiology Department, San Antonio College

New Business
Granting of Emeritus Status
The Board approved the granting of Emeritus Status with the recognition and appreciation for 40 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges – San Antonio College and with the recommendation of the faculty and administration of Alamo Colleges – San Antonio College and the Chancellor of the District, Mr. William Richardson, Professor and Chairperson Emeritus, Kinesiology Department of Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College.

Annual Employees Campaign Gifts to Alamo Colleges Foundation, United Way and the Fund
The Board approved and affirmatively opts not to participate in the state employee charitable contribution program for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2015, and further authorizes employee payroll deductions for charitable purposes as may be initiated by each employee in conjunction with the Alamo Colleges’ relationship with United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County, the Alamo Colleges Foundation, and such other charitable entities with which a formal relationships exists.

City of San Antonio Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) Board Appointments
The Trustees appointed trustees to the boards of Tax Increment Reinvestments Zones (TIRZ) managed by the City of San Antonio in which the District participates for a term of June 1, 2015 – May 31, 2017. The City is currently in the process of renewing City-appointed members for all TIRZ boards. Alamo Colleges is asked to reappoint its current Board member, or appoint a new board
member, to the TIRZ boards in which Alamo Colleges participates. Board will appoint TIRZ replacement for former trustee Albert R. Herrera at a later date.

Plaza Fortuna TIRZ #12 – Roberto Zarate
Lackland Hills TIRZ #13 – Anna U. Bustamante
Northeast Crossing #15 – Denver McClendon

Resignation of Trustee Albert R. Herrera, District 4
The Trustees of the Alamo Community College District accepted the resignation of Albert R. Herrera, District 4 Trustee of the Alamo Community College District, effective March 24, 2015.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

CHAIR’S REPORT
Travel Authorization for Trustees to attend the Texas Junior College Student Government Association State Convention
   The Trustees approved travel expenses for Trustees to attend the Texas Junior College Student Government Association State Convention in Dallas, TX April 9-12, 2015.

Travel Authorization for Trustees to attend the American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention
   The Board approved travel expenses for Trustees to attend the American Association of Community College Annual Convention in San Antonio, TX on April 18-21, 2015.

Travel Authorization for Trustees to attend the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) 32nd Annual Conference
   The Board approved travel expenses for Trustees to attend the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) 32nd Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV on June 17-19, 2015.

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT
Report from District Student Government on Student Issues who thanked the board for the opportunity to address student issues. Read statements seeking to be part of the solution to problems and not critical of processes.

Monthly Report on Alamo Colleges Regional Centers by Dr. Federico Zaragoza
   The course completion rate for the Fall 2014 semester at the Alamo Colleges - Greater Kerrville Center was 82% ; the CTTC course completion rate was 86%. Moreover, during the past four years eighty-one (81) students from the Alamo Colleges – Greater Kerrville Center have earned their Associate’s Degree from one of the Alamo Colleges.
The Alamo Colleges – Greater Kerrville staff is working with the Texas Workforce Commission and Workforce Solutions Alamo to deliver training courses for AJW Architectural Products. The company manufactures medical walkers, visual display products, washroom accessories and partitions. They will be relocating to Comfort, TX, creating 120 manufacturing jobs that will require fork lift; OSHA safety, and on site production related training.

The Alamo Colleges - Kerrville Center staff is working with Palo Alto College and local Child Care Providers to deliver a 120 contact hour Child Development Associate’s (CDA) Certification Course for Fall 2015. This course will address local employers’ needs, which is offered annually at the Alamo Colleges – Greater Kerrville Center.

Office of Experiential Learning Announcement – Presentation by Dr. Martha Trevino and Ms. Sabrina Hamill

4 Disciplines of Execution (4DX) Report & Wildly Important Goal (WIG), Alamo Colleges - Northeast Lakeview College PR – Presentation by Kathleen Labus

Property Inventory Report – Presentation by Pamela Ansboury who reported high percentage of accounted property inventory, such as 99.8 percent property accounted at San Antonio College, 98.6 percent at St. Philip’s College and some colleges at 100 percent.

Center for Student Information report by Dr. Lina Silva and Dr. Liz Garza

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Public School Relations: Alamo Colleges – Northeast Lakeview College Adopt-a-School Initiative - Presentation

EXECUTIVE SESSION
The board authorized the Chancellor to advertise for applicants for Trustee District 4.

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE
Development of an Academy to Provide an Accelerated Eighth Grade Program with San Antonio Independent School District

The Trustees approved the development of an academy to provide an accelerated eighth grade program with San Antonio Independent School District. Authorizes Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College to continue to work collaboratively with San Antonio ISD on the creation and management of an 8th grade college preparatory academy. The program will prepare students for SAISD/Alamo Colleges early college high schools as well as dual credit classes in high school. Students will be offered the academic and student support necessary to make them successful high school and college students.

Honorary Associate of Science Degree Recipient at Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College
The Trustees approved June Scobee Rodgers, Ph.D. as recipient of an Honorary Associates of Science Degree. Dr. Rodgers has contributed substantially to STEM education in San Antonio, Texas, and worldwide and her efforts reflect the values and mission of the Alamo Colleges.

Honorary Associate of Arts Degree Recipient at Alamo Colleges - Palo Alto College
The Board approved Mr. Fernando Rodriguez, Jr. as recipient of an Honorary Associate of Arts degree. Mr. Rodriguez has contributed substantially to the education, well-being of our community and values of Alamo Colleges - Palo Alto College in his support of the establishment of a community college in the south-side of San Antonio.

AUDIT, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Tuition & Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
The Board approved the tuition and fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, which reflects a $0 increase in regular tuition for in-district, out of district, non-Texas and International students.

Purchase of Independent Financial Audit Services
The Trustees awarded a contract to Grant Thornton, LLP. (for items 1,2,3,4,5,6, and 7) for the purchase of Independent Financial Audit Services in the estimated 5-year maximum fee of $1,392,010 (FY15 is $259,658 with three percent (3%) increase per year); and to Weaver and Tidwell, LLP. (for items 8,9,10,11, and 12) in the estimated 5-year maximum fee of $72,637 (FY15 is $13,832 with five percent (5%) average increase beginning year 3); and providing for a contract to be awarded to the next highest ranked proposal submitted by Padgett, Strattemann & Co., LLP. on items 8,9,10,11,and 12) if for any reason the selected Offeror fails to enter into a contract for this award within a reasonable period of time as requested by the office of the Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration.

Facilities Use Rental Rates
The Trustees approved Facilities Use Rental Rates. The purpose of this action is to establish a common set of rental rates for facilities based on fair market rates and cost recovery. A detailed rate schedule by facility will be maintained by the Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration for use by the departments.

Summer Four Day Work Week at Alamo Colleges
The Board approved the implementation of the Four Day Work Week for Alamo Colleges, except for certain programs already committed to operate on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays, to begin the week of June 1, 2015 and ending the week of July 27, 2015, with the last Friday closure being July 31, 2015.

Purchase of Student Loan Default Aversion Services
The Board awarded a contract to Ceannate Corp., Dba. i3 Group, LLC. Providing for the purchase of Student Loan Default Aversion Services in the estimated annual amount of $54,088.

PERSONNEL
Appointment of Full Time Faculty
The Trustees approved the appointment of one Full Time Faculty submitted by the San Antonio College President for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Appointment of Administrators
The Trustees approved the recommendation of employment for Belinda Rivera, Dean for Student Success, Alamo Colleges - Northeast Lakeview College. Effective March 25, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA
Approved

Next Regular Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2015
George E. Killen Community and Education Service Center
101 Community Meeting Room
201 West Sheridan, San Antonio, Texas