MEMORANDUM

To: Alamo Colleges Family
From: Leo Zuniga, Associate Vice Chancellor of Communications
Date: April 28, 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 April 28, 2015.

Link: Board Agenda - April 28, 2015

CEREMONIALS/RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS
Student of the Month – April 2015
   Ruben Mancha, Alamo Colleges – Palo Alto College, is the recipient of a $500 La Prensa Foundation Inspirational Scholarship, courtesy of the La Prensa Foundation, founded by Tino & Amelia “Millie” Duran. Ruben is currently serving as a Peer Advisor in the SEED Advising Center and is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa. After graduating from Palo Alto College this spring, Ruben plans to transfer to Texas Christian University to complete his undergraduate education and eventually attend law school. Once completing law school Ruben aspires to have a career with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In his time at Palo Alto College, Ruben has maintained a GPA of 3.82.

Employee of the Month – April 2015
   The Alamo Colleges family recognized Kris Hernandez, Administrative Services Specialist, Humanities Department, Alamo Colleges - Northwest Vista College

John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award Recipients – Julie Nichols and Susan Kazen

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the FY15 Budget Document from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
Certificate of Distinction Award by the Government Treasurers’ Organization of Texas (GTOT) for our Investment Policy

Phi Theta Kappa Texas Regional Award for Outstanding Effort in recognition of our support of the American Association of Community Colleges annual conference

Recognition of Student Trustee Alternate, Rudy Padilla

Recognition of Student Trustee, Jacob Wong

Emeritus Status
  Paul Steldt, Professor Emeritus, Natural Science Department, Alamo Colleges - St. Philip’s College
  Joseph Whitson, Professor Emeritus, Natural Science Department, Alamo Colleges - St. Philip’s College
  Richard Arredondo, Professor Emeritus, Media Communications, Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College
  Ronny Culpepper, Professor Emeritus, Kinesiology Department, Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College

OLD BUSINESS
  Appointment of Student Trustee – Sami Adame of Alamo Colleges - Northwest Vista College
  Alternate Student Trustee – Hannah Mahaffey of Alamo Colleges - St. Philip’s College

NEW BUSINESS
Granting of Emeritus Status
  The Board approved the granting of Emeritus Status with the recognition and appreciation for 37 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges – St. Philip’s College and with the recommendation of the faculty and administration of Alamo Colleges – St. Philip’s College and the Chancellor of the District, Mr. Paul M. Steldt, Professor Emeritus of the Natural Sciences Department at Alamo Colleges - St. Philip’s College.

  The Board approved the granting of Emeritus Status with the recognition and appreciation for 19 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges – St. Philip’s College and with the recommendation of the faculty and administration of Alamo Colleges – St. Philip’s College and the Chancellor of the District, Dr. Joseph D. Whitson, Associate Professor Emeritus of the Natural Sciences Department at Alamo Colleges - St. Philip’s College.

  The Board approved the granting of Emeritus Status with the recognition and appreciation for 30 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges – San Antonio College and with the recommendation of the faculty and administration of Alamo College...
Colleges – San Antonio College and the Chancellor of the District, Mr. Richard Arredondo as Professor Emeritus of the Media Communications at Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College.

The Board approved the granting of Emeritus Status with the recognition and appreciation for 43 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. Ronny Culpepper as Professor Emeritus of the Department of Kinesiology at Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College.

Letter to Texas Representative Justin Rodriguez regarding SB 1819
Trustees approved the letter regarding SB 1819 to Representative Justin Rodriguez, formally opposing any proposal to change current law regarding in-state tuition for undocumented students.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

CHAIR’S REPORT
Trustee Conference Reports by Trustees Mr. Clint Kingsbery, Dr. Yvonne Katz, Dr. Gene Sprague, Mr. Joe Alderete and Mr. Roberto Zarate

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT
ITS Update Report Presentation by Roger Castro

Monthly Report on Alamo Colleges Regional Centers by Dr. Federico Zaragoza
The elected officials from Seguin, New Braunfels, and representatives from the Alamo Colleges and the Central Texas Technology Center (CTTC) Advisory Board Chair have selected May 14, 2015 at 11:00 AM for the CTTC Groundbreaking. The CTTC expansion is expected to double the instructional space.

The Alamo Colleges – CTTC and University Center staff met with Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson, President of Texas A&M San Antonio (TAMU-SA), and her cabinet to discuss the Clarus labor market and demographic study for the San Antonio - New Braunfels Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, (SMSA) inclusive of Comal and Guadalupe counties. The data from the Clarus study identified regional opportunities for TAMU-SA to grow their recruitment base in the Northern Bexar County and the New Braunfels corridor since Texas State University is shifting their recruitment focus north of San Marcos. As a result, TAMU-SA is planning to increase its course offerings and presence at the Alamo University Center and also target recruitment and articulation efforts with Northeast Lakeview College and CTTC programs with a goal of making TAMU-SA the primary public university for the New Braunfels/Seguin area.
The Alamo Colleges Greater Kerrville Center continues to work with area high schools to increase dual credit enrollment. A total of 143 students were given the TSI exam and are eligible for entry into the dual credit program that starts in Fall 2015. The TSI exams were given at Tivy High School, Comfort High School, Bandera High School, Ingram Tom Moore High School, and Center Point High School.

The Alamo Colleges – Greater Kerrville Center reported that all five students of their students enrolled in the SAC LVN to RN cohort have taken and passed their NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination) exam and are now Registered Nurses.

Alamo Colleges – CTTC provided a center tour to Representative Hinojosa’s and three Department of Commerce staff members. The group was interested in the expansion of the center and the programming that will be available to local workforce employers and expansion of arts and sciences programming. There was also a coordinated meet and greet with the Caterpillar students who were at the center for training in the Engine Fundamentals course. The delegation commended the Alamo Colleges for implementation the regional center partnership model and acknowledged the initiative as a promising innovation for increasing access to higher education and job training opportunities in rural areas.

4 Disciplines of Execution (4DX) Report & Wildly Important Goal (WIG) Presentation by John Dunn

Strategic Planning Retreat Report – Presentation by Dr. Deb Morgan

TAPE Report – Alamo Colleges - Palo Alto College – Presentation by Dr. Beatrice Joseph

TAPE Report - District Support Operations – Presentation by Dr. Deb Morgan

PACE (Personal Assessment of College Environment) Report – Presentation by Linda Boyer-Owens

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Alamo Colleges – Palo Alto College, Early College High School Update Presentation by Xochitl Martinez and Monica Ayala-Jimenez

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BUILDING, GROUNDS AND SITES SELECTION COMMITTEE
Purchase of Construction Manager at Risk Services for Turbon Student Center for Alamo Colleges – St. Philip’s College
The Trustees awarded the contract to Skanska USA Building Inc. for the Purchase of Construction Manager at Risk Services for Turbon Student Center. Pre-construction fees in the amount of $12,500, Construction Phase fee in the amount of $200,000 (approximately 4% of $5,757,078), and General Conditions fee of $290,496 are also approved.

Alamo Colleges Participation in CPS Energy Demand Response Program
The Trustees approved Alamo Colleges’ participation in the CPS Energy Demand Response program. Participation in the CPS Energy Demand Response voluntary program affords Alamo Colleges the opportunity to earn incentives for curtailing its electric load at peak times during the summer months.

Naming of a Mission Control Console at the Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College Challenger Center
The Board approved the naming of a Mission Control Console at Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College Challenger Center and authorized Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College to name a Mission Control Console in honor of Beldon Roofing Company (Mr. Michael Beldon).

AUDIT, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Authorize the Chancellor to Negotiate and Execute a Fifteen Year Reauthorization of the Interlocal Agreement Related to the Utility Escrow Settlement between City of San Antonio and the Alamo Colleges
The Board authorized a 15-year renewal of the attached Utility Escrow Settlement Agreement between the City San Antonio and the Alamo Colleges. To renew the Utility Escrow Settlement Agreement between the City of San Antonio and the Alamo Colleges for an additional fifteen-year term, as approved by March 5, 2015 ordinance of the City of San Antonio.

Authorize the Execution of the FY 2016 Interlocal Agreement Related to the Utility Escrow Settlement between the City Of San Antonio and the Alamo Colleges
The Trustees authorized and approved the FY 2016 Interlocal Agreement Related to the Utility Escrow Settlement between the City Of San Antonio and the Alamo Colleges.

Dr. Leslie extended special thanks to Dr. Federico Zaragoza for the success of the program which Dr. Leslie noted was predicated on the outstanding staff and faculty of the Alamo Academies.

Engagement of Independent Audit Firm for FY2015
The Trustees authorized execution of a one-year engagement letter, which is the first year engagement under a five-year contract with Grant Thornton, LLP providing for the purchase of independent financial audit services for Alamo Colleges for Fiscal Year 2015 in an amount not to exceed $259,658.

Purchase of Vending Machine Services
The Board awarded a contract to Coca-Cola Refreshments, Inc. on Item 1 for the estimated annual revenue amount of $224,902; and to Mcliff Coffee and Vending on Item 2 for the estimated annual revenue amount of $172,083, providing for the purchase of Vending Machine Services. This action provides for the purchase of Vending Machine Services at the college campuses and district offices. The contract scope of work includes providing the management, systems, inventory, labor, and materials necessary to operate vending services selling beverages and snack items. Product selections are approved by each campus and may vary based on preference. Additionally, selections will include first aid and over the counter medical type products.

Sole Source Sub-Award between Alamo Colleges and Becton-Dickinson and Company
The Board, contingent upon receipt and in accordance with the Provisions of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) – Skills Development Fund grant to Alamo Colleges, approved a sole source sub-award to the Becton-Dickinson and Company in the estimated amount of $110,000. Provides for the purchase of training services that will focus on Bookkeeping, Accounting, Collections, Customer Service, Financial Analysis, Human Resources, and other skillsets required by employees of the San Antonio location of Becton, Dickinson and Company.

PERSONNEL
Promotions in Academic Rank 2015-2016 Academic Year
The Trustees approved the granting of promotion in academic rank to 51 faculty members, effective Fall 2015.

Reappointment of Faculty for the Alamo Colleges 2015-2016 Academic Year
The Trustees approved 721 faculty members, who have met the faculty status criteria. The Trustees authorized the Chancellor, or his designee, to issue faculty contracts, for a period of nine (9) months or twelve (12) months to faculty, or ten and one-half (10.5) months to faculty chairs, within the fiscal means of the College District and to satisfy the instructional needs of the students. The Chancellor is also authorized to issue summer employment agreements required to meet the instructional needs of the students and within the fiscal means of the College District. All salaries are subject to the availability of funds. Approval of faculty on the attached lists does not preclude cross-college assignment of faculty, if the need for such assignment provides benefit for the instructional needs of the students of the College District.

Appointment of Administrators
The Board approved the recommendation of employment for Erin Sherman, Vice President for College Services, Alamo Colleges – Northwest Vista College, effective June 1, 2015.

Appointment of Full Time Faculty
The Trustees approved the appointment of Full Time Faculty submitted by the College Presidents, for the 2015-2016 academic year or earlier if so noted.

CONSENT AGENDA
Approved

Next Regular Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015
George E. Killen Community and Education Service Center
101 Community Meeting Room
201 West Sheridan, San Antonio, Texas