MEMORANDUM

To: Alamo Colleges Family
From: Leo Zuniga, Associate Vice Chancellor of Communications
Date: September 16, 2014
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 September 16, 2014.

Link: Board Agenda - September 16, 2014

CEREMONIALS/RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Student of the Month – September 2014
Karen (Lynn) Esteves, 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. Karen is a non-traditional student who began her college journey in the late 1980’s. However, many of life’s challenges got in her way during her previous two attempts to attend college and complete her degree. She took a long hiatus from pursuing her education to care for her mentally and physically disabled brother. During her break, she worked for Educare of San Antonio, an organization that provides services for the disabled. This is where she realized she wanted to finally finish her education so that she could further assist people with special needs. She began at Alamo Colleges - Northeast Lakeview College in Spring 2013 and she says that she “loves the campus” and indicates her experience “has been nothing but amazing.” Spending most of her adult life committed to people with disabilities, she believes that the experience has made her who she is. In addition to her studies, she volunteers with the Special Olympics. Karen Lynn plans to finish up the courses needed to transfer to Texas A&M University-San Antonio to pursue a degree in Mathematics.

Employee of the Month – September 2014
The Alamo Colleges family recognized Andrea Soriano, Learning Specialist, Human Resources Department, as employee of the month for September 2014.

2014 Texas Architect Honor Award to Alamo Architects from the Texas Society of Architects for their work at Alamo Colleges - Northwest Vista College, with special acknowledgement to John Strybos for his leadership on the project

Moody Learning Center Renovation Award

2014 National Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award, for the third consecutive year, to the Alamo Colleges department of Procurement and Contracts

Emeritus Status Recognition - Dr. Herbert Mann, Professor, English Department, Palo Alto College

New Business
Granting of Emeritus Status
The Board approved the granting of Emeritus Status to Dr. Herbert Mann, Professor Emeritus of the English Department at Alamo Colleges – Palo Alto College. Dr. Mann dedicated 26 years of service to Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College and Palo Alto College.

Chairwoman Bustamante provided an overview of the Trustees Charges

Ethics Training and the requirements for ethics training to be completed by December 16, 2014.

Encouraged all board members to attend the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People Training

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT
Monthly Report on Alamo Colleges Regional Centers
The Alamo Colleges - Central Texas Technology Center (CTTC) Expansion Project is entering the construction phase. A total of $6.125 million is now available for the planned 25,000 sq. /ft. academic wing expansion project. The funds for expansion reflect the collaborative nature of the Center with resources coming from Federal, State, and local revenues: $4 million from the New Braunfels 2013 bond referendum, $1.25 million Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant, $500,000 Wagner Pyser and $920,000 from the City of Seguin and the City of New Braunfels Economic Development Committees. The CTTC expansion project is expected to be complete by Spring 2016.

The Kerrville Center has been assigned five additional academic classrooms (16 Total classrooms) and a Welding Lab at the Kerrville Airport that will accommodate the demand for evening and peak hour courses. As a result of the
facility enhancement, the Alamo Colleges – Greater Kerrville Center will be able
to diversify course offerings to include Welding Certification to support Fox Tank,
HB5, and to provide access to Eagle Ford Shale employment opportunities. In
addition, the center will continue to offer a Nursing Pathway program of studies
that will include Certified Nursing Assistant to LVN and LVN to RN progression.

The Alamo Colleges – Regional Center Model was highlighted at the Texas
Association of Workforce Boards, (TAWB) (conference/meeting). TAWB
considers the "Regional Centers" as a workforce innovation that promotes
economic development and job training opportunities in rural areas. The CTTC
case study was presented by Mr. Chester Jenke, Alamo CTTC Manager.

Projected enrollment at the Regional Centers is 2,500.

Presentation by Alamo Colleges – San Antonio College – Kinesiology Department

Presentation by Alamo Colleges- St. Philip’s College on the Wildly Important Goals of
their departments of Mathematics, College Services and Vocational Nursing

Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Summary Report Presentation – Performance
Scoreboard the Year in Review by Dr. Tom Cleary. Included scoreboard on headcount,
course completion rates, productive grade rates, graduation rates and others. Degrees
and Certificates awarded increased to 7,310 for FY 2014, compared to 6,371 for FY
2013.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Adjuncts Matter at Alamo Colleges - Northeast Lakeview College Presentation

Executive Session

AUDIT, BUDGET & FINANCE
Setting a Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

The Board approved, orders and adopts maintenance and operations (M&O) tax
rate of $0.106400/$100 of assessed valuation for FY 2014/15. The Board of
Trustees hereby approves orders and adopts a debt levy tax rate of
$0.042750/$100 of assessed valuation for FY 2014/15. These two actions result
in a combined tax rate of $0.149150/$100 of assessed valuation for FY 2014/15,
which is greater than the ‘combined effective tax rate’ of $0.143874/$100 of
assessed valuation but less than the roll-back rate of $ 0.151651/$100 of
assessed valuation. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and
operations than last year’s tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 5.66
percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a $100,000 home
by approximately $5.70. The referenced tax rate to be effectively raised by 5.66
percent is the maintenance and operations component of the combined effective
tax rate. The combined effective rate will be raised by 3.67 percent and will raise
combined taxes on a $100,000 home by approximately $5.28.
FY15 Salary Adjustments for Faculty, Staff and Administrators Effective January 1, 2015

The Trustees approved salary adjustments effective January 1, 2015 for full-time regular faculty, adjunct faculty, CE faculty, full-time and part-time/temporary staff and administrators.

Purchase of Fuel Cards
The Board awarded a contract to Valero Energy Corporation, providing for the purchase of Fuel Cards for use in preparing students for employment in the estimated annual amount of $50,000, which will be reimbursed by the Health Profession Opportunity Grant.

Purchase of Instructional Technology Training Services
The Board awarded a contract to Instant Data Technologies Incorporated, dba. Indatatech, providing for the purchase of Instructional Technology Training Services to augment instructor pool for continuing education and grant services highly specialized technology courses in the estimated annual amount of $56,000.

Authorized Representatives for the Purpose of Requesting Unclaimed Property
The Trustees approved the following officials of the District are designated as authorized to act on all matters with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts regarding Unclaimed Property held by the State of Texas: Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration; Associate Vice Chancellor of Finance and Fiscal Services; Controller; and Treasurer.

Contract of Employment with Matthew Mills, District Director of Internal Audit
The Trustees, on recommendation by the Audit Budget and Finance Committee, authorized that a new contract be prepared extending the current appointment of Matthew Mills as the District Director of the Internal Audit through August 31, 2016.

PERSONNEL
Appointment of Administrators
The Board approved the recommendation of employment for Christopher Beardsall, Dean of Applied Science & Technology, Alamo Colleges - St. Philip’s College, effective September 17, 2014.

Next Regular Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 (at the Northeast Lakeview College, 1201 Kitty Hawk Road, Universal City, Texas 78148)