MEMORANDUM

To: Alamo Colleges Family

From: Leo Zuniga, Associate Vice Chancellor of Communications

Date: September 17, 2013

Subject: Board Meeting Report

On behalf of Dr. Leslie, the following is a summary of proceedings of the Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees meeting of September 17, 2013.

Link: Board Agenda - September 17, 2013

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

Student of the Month – September 2013
Grace Morales, Alamo Colleges – Northwest Vista 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. Morales is a first generation college student in her family with a 3.28 GPA at Northwest Vista College. She is a Nursing major and part time employee on campus. She is an NVC Ambassador and an Alamo Colleges Student Leadership Institute Alumnus. In addition to many campus events, she has volunteered with Meals on Wheels, the Rock and Roll Marathon, and Christus Santa Rosa Westover Hills Hospital. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and National Honor Society of Leadership and Success. She is a wife and mother of two children.

Employee of the Month – June 2013
Joseph Dinscore, Journeyman Electrician, Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College

Employee of the Month – September 2013
Beau Saul, Student Success Specialist, Alamo Colleges - Greater Kerrville Center

Recognition of 2012 – 2013 Retirees
A total of 54 employees were recognized for their years of service at the Alamo Colleges.

Palo Alto College Ozuna Library a la Carte National and Local Awards recognition

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence for FY12 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

Lone Star Award for 2012 President's Report - Northwest Vista College

Emeritus Status
Mary Ann Greenlees, Professor Emeritus, English, Reading and Education Department, San Antonio College

NEW BUSINESS
Granting of Emeritus Status
The Board approved, with the recognition and appreciation for 44 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges – San Antonio College and with the recommendation of the faculty and administration of San Antonio College and the Chancellor of the District, Mary Ann Greenlees, Professor Emeritus of the English, Reading and Education Department at San Antonio College.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
Chairman deferred action on the nomination for the Bexar Appraisal District Board upon completion of consultation with legal counsel after Executive Session

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT
Monthly Report - Alamo Colleges Regional Centers

The Alamo Colleges - CTTC expansion initiative is progressing well. The City of New Braunfels submitted a $1.5M Economic Development Administration grant application to offset the projected $6.3M total building costs for the facility expansion.

Ms. Hope Andrade, new Texas Workforce Commissioner, highlighted the CTTC - Caterpillar training project as an exemplary business and higher education economic development program worthy of statewide emulation.

Working with Kerrville ISD in planning dual credit programs in Welding, Certified Nurse Aide and Medical Terminology for Spring 2014.

Scholarships for the Fall 2013 semester in Kerrville already total $12,900.

The Fall 2013 enrollment for the Alamo Colleges – Regional Centers is 3,197

The Alamo Colleges was awarded two separate Skill Development Fund grants for the oil and gas industry by the Texas Workforce Commission totaling $1,839,893. The first
was a $300,000 grant to support the capacity building needs (instrumentation and related equipment) of the newly authorized PAC Oil and Gas Program. The second was $1,539,893 for a statewide grant, in collaboration with Odessa and Midland Colleges to provide oil and gas training for Weatherford International.

The Alamo Colleges – Rackspace Cloud Academy Collaboration launched a Just-in-Time pilot program on August 26, 2012. All Red Hat completers will gain certification to be hired by Rackspace.

Convocation Leadership Video - Chancellor Bruce Leslie introduced the video that highlights faculty’s development of leadership traits in our students.

Palo Alto College - Campus Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies and W. Villaret Blvd. Update provided by Dr. Mike Flores. Included report on the expansion of the Ozuna Learning Resources Center and the Fitness Center.

Palo Alto College Botanical Garden, Acequia and Structure update by Dr. Mike Flores included report on interactive activities in this area and the expansion of Villaret Blvd.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

Presentation on Increasing Student Visibility – Alamo Colleges - Northwest Vista College

**Nominations for the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2014-2015**

The Board adopted a Resolution nominating Mr. Denver McClendon to serve on the Bexar Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2014-2015.

**AUDIT, BUDGET & FINANCE**

Setting a Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The Trustees approved, ordered and adopted a maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate of $0.104400/$100 of assessed valuation for FY 2013/14. The Trustees approved, ordered and adopted a debt levy tax rate of $0.044750/$100 of assessed valuation for FY 2013/14. These two actions result in a combined tax rate of $0.149150/$100 of assessed valuation for FY 2013/14, which is greater than the 'combined effective tax rate' of $0.144592/$100 of assessed valuation but less than the roll-back rate of $0.153980/$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 3.23 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A $100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY $3.26. The referenced tax rate to effectively be raised by 3.23 percent is the maintenance and operations component of the combined effective tax rate. The combined effective tax rate will be raised by 3.15 percent and will raise combined taxes on a $100,000 home by approximately $4.56.
Amendment No. 1 to Low Interest Loan from the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO)
The Trustees approved the Alamo Colleges’ Phase 3 projects for the loan from the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) for Energy Cost Reductions Measures (ECRM) projects district-wide. This loan amendment includes: (A) increasing the amount of the original $4,815,464 Loan by an additional $1,369,920 resulting in a total loan amount of $6,185,384 (B) adding four additional ECRM Projects and (C) extending the project completion date for Phase 2 and Phase 3 projects to August 31, 2014.

Purchase of Educational Consulting Services
The Board awarded a contract to Dr. Sara McAndrew providing for the purchase of Educational Consulting Services in the amount of $54,700.00 as requested by the Alamo Colleges Office for Academic Success. This contract action provides for the purchase of Educational Consulting Services to create school and community partnerships that will support the Challenger Learning Center project and to ensure Bexar County school districts' input into the future curriculum and instruction relating to the implementation of the Challenger project.

Alamo Colleges Resolution to Support Central Texas Technology Center (CTTC)
Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant Proposal
The Board approved the resolution in support of a $1.5 million grant request by the City of New Braunfels to expand the Alamo Colleges – Central Texas Technology Center. The proposed CTTC expansion will add an additional 25,000 square feet of instructional capability for the region.

Memorandum of Agreement between Alamo Colleges & Nexolon America, LLC to Provide Funding Support for Alamo Academies Programs
The Board authorized the Chancellor or his designee to execute a memorandum of agreement between Alamo Colleges & Nexolon America, LLC to provide funding of up to $100,000 annually for a total of five (5) consecutive years to support Alamo Academies Programs.

Assess $1.00 for an International Education Fee for all Alamo Colleges Students per Semester Effective FY 2014 for the Purpose of Providing Increased Funding for Students International Education Experiences
The Trustees approved the assessment of a $1 international education fee to Alamo Colleges students per semester effective Spring 2014. This fee is pending the majority approval of a student referendum across all five colleges. The purpose of the $1 assessment is to provide scholarship opportunities for eligible students engaged in International Study Abroad Education Programs.

FACILITIES
Fifth Amendment of Guaranteed Maximum Price St. Philip’s College Capital Improvement Program Construction Manager-at-Risk Skanska USA Building, Inc. (RFP
06C-121) Renovation of the Sutton Learning Center, William C. Davis Science Building and Norris Technical Building at St. Philip's College

The Trustees approved a fifth amendment in the amount of $2,500,120.00 in addition to the $27,214,594.00 Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Construction Manager-at-Risk fee negotiated with Skanska USA Building, Inc. for the Renovation of the Sutton Learning Center, William C. Davis Science Building and Norris Technical Building at Alamo Colleges - St. Philip's College. The total amended GMP is $29,714,714.00.

Purchase of Equipment and Services for Chiller Upgrade at Alamo Colleges - Palo Alto College

The Trustees awarded the contract to Trane USA, Inc. providing for the purchase of Equipment and Services for Chiller Upgrade at Alamo Colleges - Palo Alto College in the amount of $281,222.48.

Purchase of Equipment and Services for Chiller Upgrade at Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College

The Board awarded the contract to Trane USA, Inc. providing for the purchase of Equipment and Services for Chiller Upgrade at Alamo Colleges-San Antonio College in the amount of $506,477.00.

Purchase of Equipment and Services for Pump Upgrade at Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College

The Board awarded the contract to Trane USA, Inc. providing for the purchase of Equipment and Services for Pump Upgrade at Alamo Colleges-San Antonio College in the amount of $481,191.00.

Purchase of Maintenance Work Order Tracking Software License and Maintenance Agreement Renewal

The Board approved a contract to Computerized Facility Integration, L.L.C. (CFI) providing for the purchase of a Maintenance Work Order Tracking Software License and Maintenance Agreement Renewal in the amount of $446,000 annually as requested by the Facilities Operations and Construction Management Department.

Purchase of Equipment and Services for Roof Replacement for Chance Academic Center at Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College

The Trustees awarded the contract to Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. providing for the purchase of Equipment and Services for Roof Replacement for Chance Academic Center at Alamo Colleges-San Antonio College in the amount of $704,330.42.

Adoption of Revised Guidelines Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2267.052 Relating to Qualifying Project Proposals Regarding Real Property to Which the Applicability of Government Code Chapter 2267 Has Been Elected
The Trustees approved adoption of the revised Guidelines pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2267.052 relating to proposals regarding real property that are qualified projects to which the application of Texas Government Code Chapter 2267 may be elected by the Board.

Election to Operate Under Government Code Chapter 2267 Regarding Qualifying Project Public Private Partnership Proposals Relating to Solicitation for Proposals for the Development of the Property Located at 2222 North Alamo Street and/or the Potential Exchange of That Property and/or Other Administrative Facilities of the District to Address Consolidated Administrative Facilities

The Board adopted the Resolution Electing To Operate Under Government Code Chapter 2267 for Considering and Carrying Out Qualifying Project Public Private Partnership Proposals Received Pursuant to a Solicitation for (a) Development of the Property Located at 2222 North Alamo Street, and/or (b) Potential Exchange of That Property and/or Other Administrative Facilities Owned by the District.

Issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Public Private Partnership for the Development of the Property Located at 2222 North Alamo Street and/or the Potential Exchange of That Property and/or Other Administrative Facilities of the District to Address Consolidated Administrative Facilities

The Board approved issuance of a Request for Proposals for (a) the development of the property located at 2222 N. Alamo Street and/or (b) potentially exchange of that property and/or other administrative facilities of the District, to address consolidated administrative facilities, for which qualifying Public Private Partnership project proposals will be evaluated pursuant to Chapter 2267 of the Texas Government Code.

POLICY
Policy A.1.3 - College District Vision, Mission, Values and Goals
The Board adopted revisions to Policy A.1.3 College District Vision, Mission, Values and Goals. Updated Policy A.1.3 with six new Shared Values, the guiding principles and actions that embody our desired culture: Students First, Respect for All, Community-engaged, Collaboration, Can Do Spirit, and Data-informed.

Policy B.3.1 - Board Elections, Vacancies and Removal from Office
The Trustees adopted revisions to Policy B.3.1 to better demonstrate compliance with the Commission of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), section 3.2.5 standards, policy B.3.1 is being amended to clarify language related to the dismissal of a public official from office.

Policy B.9.1 - Educational Philosophy - The Alamo Way (Always Inspire, Always Improve)
The Trustees adopted revisions to Policy B.9.1 Educational Philosophy – The Alamo Way (Always Inspire, Always Improve) to expand Policy B.9.1 Educational...
Philosophy – Alamo Way (Always Inspire, Always Improve) to include the addition of *Equity* as the fifth Achieving the Dream principle.

Policy E.1.4 - Student Course Loads and Schedules
The Trustees adopted Policy E.1.4 to amend and add requirements in Texas Education Code §51.907 limiting to six the number of courses an undergraduate student can drop, with specific exceptions.

**PERSONNEL**
Appointment of Administrators including the Position for Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Success
The Board approved the recommendation of employment for the following administrative position: Ruth Dalrymple, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Partnerships and Initiatives, effective September 18, 2013.

Appointment of Full Time Faculty
The Board approved for the 2013-2014 Academic year the appointment of Full Time Faculty submitted by the College Presidents for the 2013-2014 year.

Promotions in Academic Rank 2013-2014 Academic Year
The Board of Trustees of the Alamo Colleges, in accordance with policies for promotion in rank adopted by the Board of Trustees, authorized the granting of promotion in academic rank to the following faculty member: effective Fall 2013: Elsa Anaya, from Associate Professor to Professor.

**Next Regular Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, October 22, 2013.