MEMORANDUM

To: Alamo Colleges Family
From: Leo Zuniga, Associate Vice Chancellor of Communications
Date: August 20, 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 August 20, 2013.

Link: Board Agenda - August 20, 2013

CEREMONIALS
Board of Trustees 10 Year Anniversary
   Recognition of board members and respective years of service, ranging from one year to 19 years

National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Recipients recognized

Presentation by Tom Semmes, President, Semmes Foundation, Inc., benefactors, Semmes Success Scholarship
   High Impact Philanthropy recognized- first gift to Alamo Colleges in 2012 was $200,000, second year gift in 2013 was $600,000

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS, FACULTY AND STAFF
Student of the Month – July 2013
   Kevin Alegria-Valenzuela, 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. Kevin Alegria-Valenzuela is pursuing an Associates of Arts in Liberal Arts and has maintained a 3.5 GPA during his time at Palo Alto College.

Student of the Month – August 2013
Hecdris Collier, Alamo Colleges – St. Philip’s College, is the recipient of a $500 La Prensa Foundation Inspirational Scholarship, courtesy of the La Prensa Foundation, founded by Tino & Amelia “Millie” Duran. Hecdris Collier is a second year Physical Therapy Assistant Student at St. Philip’s College. Her expected graduation date is May 2014. Her outstanding academic record of 3.95 GPA afforded Ms. Collier an invitation into the Psi Kappa Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at St. Philip’s College. She is an active member who has given back to the college and the community. She has volunteered at the Davidson Respite House, Spurs Sports & Entertainment, Relay for Life, and Culture Fest to name a few. She is also involved with the Student Leadership Institute. Ms. Collier has been honored as a Presidential Scholar, a TStem Scholar, and most recently a Nancy Hurd Scholar. As a TStem Scholar, she represented the college by volunteering at a Girls Inc. student fair at Rackspace. She was also selected to represent the college at the Dr. Lonnie B. Mitchell HBCU Behavioral Health Policy Academy to bring awareness to mental health.

Employee of the Month – July 2013
Elena Olivo, Senior Advisor-Student Success, Alamo Colleges – Palo Alto College

Employee of the Month – August 2013
Ernest Gonzalez, Multimedia Specialist – Alamo Colleges – St. Philip’s College

Quality Texas Foundation Award – St. Philip’s College

Chancellor’s Administrative Leadership Award – John Strybos

2013 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award

San Antonio Masonry Contractors Association 2013 Golden Trowel Award

2013 Hispanic Contractors Association (HCA) Excellence Through Diversity Awards “Owner of the Year”

Emeritus Status: Ralph E. Domas, Professor Emeritus, History Department, Alamo Colleges – San Antonio College

NEW BUSINESS
Granting of Emeritus Status
The Board approved, with the recognition and appreciation for 35 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, Ralph E. Domas, Professor Emeritus of the Library of San Antonio College.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
Faculty and staff convocation of August 19 - Board expressed their appreciation and satisfaction

Spain Study Abroad Report – Presentation by Carol Fimmen

Community College Association of Texas Trustees Annual Conference, Austin, report by Trustee Zarate

THECB: Two Year Task Force on Community and Technical Colleges, report by Trustees Bustamante and Zarate

TASB/TACCA Post-Legislative Seminar for Community Colleges, report by Dr. Katz, trustee

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT
July & August Monthly Report - Alamo Colleges Regional Centers

Covey Leadership Principles, future plans to convene conference in San Antonio for participation by other institutes of higher education on Frank Covey principles

Presentation regarding mural donation to Alamo Colleges – Palo Alto College, presentation by Dr. Mike Flores

2013 ACCT Western Regional Equity Award, report by Dr. Yvonne Katz

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Presentation on The Puente Project: The Thematic Learning Community, Alamo Colleges – Palo Alto College

Presentation on Jessica's Project, Alamo Colleges – St. Philip's College

AUDIT, BUDGET & FINANCE
Fiscal Year 2013 - 2014 All Funds Budget

The Board of approved the Fiscal Year 2013-14 total budget with projected revenues of $421,202,293; restricted and plant fund balance commitment of $42,392,265; operating fund balance commitment of $12,369,091; and expenses of $(475,963,649).

Setting a Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The Board approved, orders and adopted a maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate of $0.104400 and a debt levy tax rate of $0.044750, for 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. The Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration is hereby authorized and directed to provide the public notices and to arrange the public hearings as required by
the Texas Property Tax Code with respect to the proposed tax rate increase. Following such notice and hearings, the Board of Trustees shall deliberate and vote on the final tax rate increase, within the applicable time frame set out in the Texas Property Tax Code.

Purchase of Financial Advisory Services for Alamo Colleges
The Trustees awarded a contract to First Southwest Company providing for the purchase of Financial Advisory Services in the estimated annual amount of $182,400.00. This contract action, as in prior years, provides for the purchase of Financial Advisory Services related to capital financial planning, debt issuance, disclosure, arbitrage calculations and other related financial services.

Purchase of Library Periodical Subscription Services
The Trustees awarded a contract to EBSCO Information Services providing for the purchase of periodical subscription services in the estimated annual amount of $183,000 by the Alamo Colleges Libraries. This contract action provides for the renewal of the enterprise-wide purchase agreement for large volume subscriptions that include periodicals common to colleges and universities for use at the libraries at each of the colleges.

Performance Evaluation and Contract of Employment with Patricia Major, District Director of Internal Audit
The Trustees authorized that a new contract be prepared extending the current appointment of Patricia M. Major as the District Director of the Internal Audit through August 31, 2015. The Audit Committee Charter, the Audit Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed the effectiveness of the internal audit function and the Director, and recommends the continued appointment of the District Director of Internal Audit.

FACILITIES
Purchase of HVAC Renovations at Alamo Colleges - Palo Alto College, San Antonio College and St. Philip's College
The Board awarded a contract to Kegley, Inc., for the purchase of labor and materials for HVAC Renovations at Alamo Colleges - Palo Alto College, San Antonio College, and St. Philip’s College in the amount of $237,638. A 10% contingency of $23,763.80 is also recommended for a total award of $261,401.80. It is further recommended that a contract be awarded to the next ranked offer submitted by R.E.C. Industries, Inc., if for any reason the selected contractor fails to enter into a contract for this award within a reasonable period of time.

Fees for the Interlocal Agreement for Energy Savings Services with Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station for Period September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014
The Board approved the costs associated with Task Order 13 and 14 pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement for Energy Savings Services with Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station for the period September 1, 2013 through
August 31, 2014. Authorizes the Texas Engineering Experiment Station (TEES) to provide onsite energy management services, end use monitoring, reporting and utility budgeting, design review services as requested, and technical assistance on energy management, indoor air quality and central plant studies.

PERSONNEL
Performance Evaluation, Charge and Contract of Employment with Bruce H. Leslie, Chancellor
   Adopted on items as discussed in special session

Payment in settlement of litigation by former employee Thomas F. Brown
   Item pulled

Next Regular Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2013.