MEMORANDUM

To: Alamo Colleges Family

From: Mario Muñiz, Director of District Public Relations

Date: January 21, 2014

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 January 21, 2014.

Link: Board Agenda - January 21, 2014

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

Student of the Month – January 2014

The Alamo Colleges family recognized Pamela Talmage, Alamo Colleges - St. Philip's College, as the recipient of a $500 La Prensa Foundation Inspirational Scholarship, courtesy of the La Prensa Foundation, founded by Tino & Amelia "Millie" Duran. Pamela Talmage has overcome numerous obstacles to reach this achievement in her life. She is a wife, a mother or three (one of which is a special needs child), holds down a full-time job, and is also a student. Pamela has a grade point average of 3.77 and plans to transfer to a four-year institution in this fall. While attending St. Philip’s College, she received an internship with Southwest Research Institute. Her hard work and dedication, turned the internship into a full-time position. She is the only female technician in the Fuels and Lubricants department at Southwest Research Institute.

Employee of the Month – January 2014

The Alamo Colleges family recognized Gabriela Rangel, Office Supervisor, Alamo Colleges – Palo Alto College as employee of the month for January 2014.

Clean Air Through Energy Efficiency (CATEE) Award for Outstanding Government Organization

John Strybos presented the Board with this award which was received by the Alamo Colleges for having demonstrated outstanding and/or unique contributions to clean air through energy efficiency and/or renewable energy actions or programs.

Emeritus Status

Mary Lou Russell, Professor Emeritus, Department of Music of Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College

William Kline, Professor Emeritus, Department of Music of Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College
NEW BUSINESS
Granting of Emeritus Status

The Trustees approved, the granting of Emeritus Status to Mary Lou Russell, Professor of Music at Alamo Colleges – San Antonio College. Ms. Russell has dedicated 41 years of service to Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College.

The Trustees approved, the granting of ermeritus status to William P. Kline, Professor of Music at Alamo Colleges – San Antonio College. Mr. Kline has dedicated 46 years of service to Alamo Colleges - San Antonio College.

The Alamo Community College District Board of Trustees election will be held on May 10, 2014 and a runoff election if necessary on June 14, 2014. Elections will be held in the following districts, No. Four (4) – Incumbent, Marcelo S. Casillas, No. Eight (8) – Incumbent, Gary Beitzel, and No. Nine (9) – Incumbent, James Rindfuss.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Compensation Team

The Board recognized the six member compensation team comprised of Phyllis Bright, Mary Guzman, Gary Gwaltney, Michelle Wilson, Chris Bordovsky and Andrea Priolo for their diligent work completing the compensation studies of faculty and staff.

Texas 2036 Commission Appointment – Roberto Zárate

The Board acknowledged the appointment of Mr. Zárate to a commission on higher education by the 83rd state legislature.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT
Monthly Report on Alamo Colleges Regional Centers

Dr. Federico Zaragoza provided an update.

Presentation on Legislative Agenda

Leo Zuniga gave an executive summary on the impact of the 83rd state legislature.

I-Dashboard Demonstration

Dr. Tom Cleary gave a demonstration of I-Dashboard technology. A new tool for tracking key performance indicators across the district.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Alamo Colleges - St. Philip's College Hunger Banquet Presentation

Kevin Schantz provided an overview of this event.

AUDIT, BUDGET & FINANCE

The Board Set Cost-Sharing Early College High School Fees Payable to Alamo Colleges in Connection with Its Support of Early College High Schools. Six
ISDs/Charter School Districts are in discussion with the Alamo Colleges to collaborate on ECHSs to begin Fall 2014. Existing Early College High Schools with San Antonio ISD, Judson ISD, and Comal ISD have been successful, but there are substantial costs to the District associated with such ECHSs, and TEA regulations bar ISDs from charging students/parents any fees for ECHSs.

The Board approved amendment of the officially designated holidays for Alamo Colleges’ employees to provide a 5-day Spring Break Holiday to non-faculty employees and discontinue Memorial Day as a designated Alamo Colleges holiday for all employees. This amendment is recommended to align the Spring Break holiday provided to non-faculty with the 5 days afforded faculty; and, to align with the average number of holidays (21.25) provided to non-faculty with the average number of non-faculty holidays offered by our eight Texas peer institutions.

The Trustees approved the execution and delivery of a Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of San Antonio, Texas regarding the Houston Street TIRZ (Number 9).

ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND STUDENT SUCCESS

The Trustees adopted the proposed Instructional Materials (IM) strategy. To provide the most effective instructional materials (IMs) and pedagogy at the lowest possible cost before classes begin.

The Board authorized the Establishment of Additional Early College High Schools, subject to the execution of an Early College High School Memorandum of Understanding. The assessment of Cost-Sharing Fees required by Minute Order Presented to the Audit, Budget and Finance Committee at its Meeting on January 14, 2014, and the Negotiation of Standard Leases for Any On-the-College-Campus ECHSs. Six ISDs/Charter School Districts are in discussions with the Alamo Colleges to collaborate on ECHSs to begin Fall 2014. The District presently operates Early College High Schools with San Antonio ISD, Judson ISD, and Comal ISD.

FACILITIES

The Trustees authorized the Negotiation of Standard Lease Agreements with San Antonio Independent School District and New Frontiers Charter District to establish on-the-College-Campus Early College High Schools with Alamo Colleges - St. Philip’s College and Alamo Colleges - Palo Alto College, Respectively.

The Trustees authorized the displaying of historical murals at Alamo Colleges – St. Philip’s College.

The Board approved the renaming of the Francis R. Scobee Planetarium to the Scobee Education Center.
The Board approved the naming of the Boeing Gallery at the San Antonio College Challenger Center.

The Trustees approved the naming of the Valero Entry Hall and South Lobby at the San Antonio College Challenger Center.

The Trustees approved the naming of the Charles E. Cheever, Jr. Star Tower at the San Antonio College Challenger Center.

**POLICY**

The Board reviewed and approved the Alamo Colleges’ Online Learning Policy E.1.9 and Procedures E.1.9.1 and E.1.9.2. This new policy and procedures are being submitted for approval to define the foundation for Alamo Colleges’ Online Program to provide a high-quality education experience for online students that aligns with best practices in electronically delivered and technology enabled teaching and learning. The faculty across the Alamo Colleges will collaborate in the development and implementation of a systematic approach to online learning including procedures, faculty certification, and student engagement. The Alamo Colleges Online (ACOL) is committed to quality teaching and learning.

The Board adopted revisions to Policy B.2.1. This policy is being amended to introduce the Website where the Alamo Colleges’ organizational charts can be located, add the Chancellor’s responsibility to submit the newly selected College President for Board of Trustees’ consideration of contract approval, and to include the College President’s responsibilities and selection process.

**PERSONNEL**

The minute order was pulled for the recommendation of employment for the following administrator position: District Director of Internal Audit

The Trustees approved the appointment of one Full Time Faculty submitted by the College Presidents for the 2013-2014 year. Further Board action will not be required for these persons to teach in Administrative Computing Technology.

Next Regular Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2014.