



MEMORANDUM

To: Alamo Colleges District Family

From: Kay Hendricks, Coordinator of Communication, Department of Communications

Date: February 28, 2017

Subject: Board Meeting Report

On behalf of Dr. Bruce Leslie, the following is a summary of proceedings of the Alamo Colleges District Board of Trustees meeting of February 28, 2017.

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CEREMONIALS/RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Mr. F. O'Neil Griffin, benefactor of The Griffin Foundation Endowed Kerrville Opportunity Scholarship and the Neil & Gena Griffin Endowed Excellence Fund, is also the lead underwriter for remodeling the Career and Technical Education Building at the Alamo Colleges District Greater Kerrville Center – Presented by Shawna Fahrenthold, Alamo Colleges District Greater Kerrville Center.

Student of the Month – February 2017

Fernanda Hernandez, Alamo Colleges District – 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. Fernanda was born in Coahuila, Mexico and moved to Texas in December of 1999. She came to the U.S. with her family seeking a brighter future and better opportunities for her education. Fernanda earned her high school diploma from South San Antonio High School in June of 2015. Fernanda's is the oldest of four children and the first in her family to attend college. She plans to transfer to Our Lady of the Lake University to earn a bachelor's degree in Mexican American Studies and Social Work. She also plans to attend graduate school and earn her doctoral degree. Fernanda understands the importance of an education and comes from the same community she plans to serve one day as a teacher. Fernanda's positive demeanor and attitude come as no surprise since she is highly regarded by her peer students. Fernanda is involved in three organizations at Palo Alto College. Fernanda is president of the Somos MAS student organization, a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, and a member of Delta Sigma Omicron. Moreover, she works part time as a secretary at H&R Block.

As a secretary Fernanda has learned the importance of being organized and staying on track. She is a leader among her peers and serves as a role model, leading by example and encouraging others to become better members of society. Fernanda truly exemplifies the kind of student the Alamo Colleges District and La Prensa Foundation envisioned honoring with the Student of the Month Award.

Employee of the Month – February 2017

Joseph Hernandez, Administrative Services Specialist, Alamo Colleges District – St. Philip's College

Emeritus Status

Michael Carpenter, Assistant Professor Emeritus of Alamo Colleges District - St. Philip's College

Michael Dickmann, Assistant Professor Emeritus of Alamo Colleges District - St. Philip's College

Dr. Cecilia Gonzales, Professor Emeritus of Alamo Colleges District - Palo Alto College

NEW BUSINESS

Granting of Emeritus Status

The Board approved, with the recognition and appreciation for 35 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges District– St. Philip's College and with the recommendation of the faculty and administration of Alamo Colleges District – St. Philip's College and the Chancellor of the College District, Michael E. Carpenter, Assistant Professor Emeritus of Respiratory Care Technology at Alamo Colleges District - St. Philip's College.

The Board approved, with the recognition and appreciation for 24 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges District – St. Philip's College and with the recommendation of the faculty and administration of Alamo Colleges District – St. Philip's College and the Chancellor of the College District, Michael J. Dickmann, Assistant Professor Emeritus of Respiratory Care Technology at Alamo Colleges District – St. Philip's College.

The Board approved, with the recognition and appreciation for 26 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges District – Palo Alto College and with the recommendation of the faculty and administration of Alamo Colleges District – Palo Alto College and the Chancellor of the College District, Dr. Cecilia V. Gonzales, Professor Emeritus of Biology at Alamo Colleges District – Palo Alto College.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

CHAIR'S REPORT

ACCT National Legislative Summit and Meetings Report, Dr. Yvonne Katz, Dr. Gene Sprague, Roberto Zarate, Clint Kingsbery, Emmanuel Nyong.

Mr. Zarate and the other board members reported on their successful meetings with legislators in Washington, D.C. The board members were impressed with the bipartisan support for Alamo Colleges District legislative priorities, especially regarding Pell grants and funding for Pell grants throughout the academic year. Dr. Katz

particularly noted her appreciation that Student Trustee Emmanuel Nyong was able to meet with legislators.

ACCT Quarterly: Incentivizing and Completion: Getting Students on the Fast Track, Dr. Yvonne Katz

Dr. Katz reported on the publication of an article under her name in the ACCT Quarterly which highlighted the Alamo Colleges District Fast Completion Incentive program. She noted that other community colleges have expressed interest in using the program as a model.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Accreditation Update, Dr. Bruce Leslie

Dr. Leslie asked Dr. Tom Cleary, Vice Chancellor for Planning, Performance and Information Systems to provide an update on accreditation.

Dr. Cleary reported that the SACS team visited Alamo Colleges District - Northeast Lakeview College from February 6-9 and thoroughly reviewed the college's report

and processes. Dr. Cleary noted that the SACS team did not report any findings or recommendations and that the accreditation for NLC will be considered at the SACS board meeting in December. Dr. Katz thanked Dr. Cleary for his efforts in moving NLC smoothly forward in the accreditation process. Trustee Alderete also commended Dr. Cleary and the faculty and staff at NLC for their successful visit.

Report on Alamo Colleges Regional Centers – Presented by Dr. Federico Zaragoza

On February 9, 2017, the Alamo Colleges – Greater Kerrville Center hosted a press conference for Mr. F. O'Neil and Gena Griffin to announce that they were providing the Alamo Colleges Foundation with a \$2.445 million gift. This gift was in addition to the \$1.05 million that they donated in 2010, bringing their total gift to \$3.495 million, the largest donation in the history of the Alamo Colleges District.

The new gift provides \$1,222,500 to be added to the Neil and Elaine Griffin Foundation Endowed Kerrville Opportunity Scholarship, \$500,000 for renovating the Career and Technical Education Building at the center and \$722,500 to establish the Neil and Gena Griffin Endowed Excellence Fund that will provide an ongoing stream of funds to strengthen programs, facilities and operations at the Alamo Colleges District Greater Kerrville Center. To date, the Neil and Elaine Griffin Foundation Endowed Kerrville Opportunity Scholarship has awarded

\$184,540 to 83 students. Dr. Yvonne Katz, Board Chair, Mr. Jim Eskin, and Ms. Shawna Fahrenthold provided remarks on behalf of the Alamo Colleges District. Mr. Roberto Zarate and Dr. Federico Zaragoza were also in attendance.

The Alamo Colleges District Regional Center Managers, Ms. Shawna Fahrenthold (Kerrville) and Mr. Chester Jenke (CTTC), were recognized by their respective Chambers of Commerce for their leadership and stewardship representing the Alamo Colleges District in their respective communities.

The New Braunfels Mayor's Higher Education Task Force, New Braunfels Chamber, of Commerce and the New Braunfels Manufacturing Association identified soft skills as the top workforce gap for their rural workforce region. The community groups have asked the Alamo Colleges District – CTTC leadership to increase the number of soft skills classes offered at the CTTC.

The Alamo Colleges District Greater Kerrville Center partnered with the Kerrville Independent School District, River Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center and the Kerrville Rehabilitation Center to deliver the Certified Nursing Aide modules leading to the patient care workforce program certification.

Alamo Colleges District – CTTC was asked to participate in the IH-35 Educational Alliance ad-hoc committee that represents public education institutions located between Austin and North Bexar County. The institutions represented included Austin Community College – Kyle Campus, Texas State University, Alamo Colleges – Central Texas Technology Center, and University of Texas – San Antonio. All participants were provided with time to present current programming at their respective locations. The group will convene quarterly to promote regional planning and exchange of information, discuss program coordination, and share enrollment trends.

The Alamo Colleges District - Greater Kerrville Center has begun the facility improvement process for a new 5,000-square-foot Career and Technical Education (CTE) building. The CTE building will have a welding lab, three classrooms, an office, lounge, and storage area. Funds for the facility improvement project are provided by the recent Neil and Gena Griffin gift.

4 Disciplines of Execution (4DX) Report & Wildly Important Goal (WIG) Presentations Celebrating a Decade of Student Success, Alamo Colleges District – Northeast Lakeview College. Presented by Kathleen Labus, Northeast Lakeview College Public Relations Office

BOLD Advising Center Graduating Our Stars! – Presented by Michael Ximenez & Amanda Morales, Alamo Colleges District - Palo Alto College

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Anticancer Undergraduate Research: Why Not a Community College Student? – Presented by Marsha Adrian and Alexandria Stewart – Alamo Colleges District – Northeast Lakeview College

Project Access – Presented by Cindy Morgan and Sylvia de Hoyos – Alamo Colleges District – Palo Alto College

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Roberto Zarate, Chair

Legislative Report

Mr. Zarate reported that he and other board members have been successfully visiting with state legislators and monitoring legislative actions related to the Alamo

Colleges District. He noted that the trustees and the chancellor must be ready “at a moment’s notice” to travel to Austin to testify on important legislation, particularly

regarding appropriations for the Alamo Colleges District.

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT – Denver McClendon, Chair

Trustees Report on Community Involvement

Trustee McClendon asked about a list trustees were asked to submit reporting any community or educational meetings or conference that they

have attended. He asked for clarification regarding any meetings related to the Alamo Colleges District’s upcoming bond election.

STUDENT SUCCESS – Clint Kingsbery, Chair

Designation of Director of Alamo Colleges District - Palo Alto College Ray Ellison Family Center

The Trustees approved the Designation of Director of Alamo Colleges District - Palo Alto College Ray Ellison Family Center according to the Child Care Licensing Division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. The minute order requests Board approval of the Designation of Director of Alamo Colleges District - Palo Alto College Ray Ellison Family Center that enables the Ray Ellison Family Center to be compliant with licensing regulations of the Child Care Licensing Division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

AUDIT, BUDGET AND FINANCE – Roberto Zarate, Chair

Amending the Contract with N2N Services, Inc. for the Purchase of Information Technology Consulting Services

The Board approved and amended a contract to N2N Services, Inc., providing for the purchase of Information Technology Consulting Services for an annual estimated amount of \$150,000, as requested by the Vice Chancellor for Planning, Performance, and Information Systems. This contract action provides for amending the contract with N2N for the purchase of information technology onsite and remote consulting services on an as needed basis for the Planning, Performance, and Information Systems department. The scope of work requires the contractor to provide Argos project services that design, develop and support

the following: Advising System, Degree Works, Online Reports, Security Class Reports, Maintain Cookbook and other Argos or Tableau Development needs. These software applications are used throughout the Alamo Colleges District and the services provided by N2N Services, Inc. are necessary to ensure continuity and maximum performance.

Purchase of Assessment Testing Services and Materials

The Trustees approved and awarded a contract to The College Board to provide for the purchase of Assessment Testing Services and Materials in the estimated annual amount of \$125,000, as requested by the Alamo Colleges District.

Job Placement and Assistance Services for the America's Promise Job Driven Grant

The Board approved a sub-award to: Workforce Solutions Alamo (WSA) for an estimated \$45,000 annually; Goodwill Industries for an estimated \$45,000 annually; and Project Quest for an estimated \$45,000 annually, providing for the purchase of job placement and assistance services for the America's Promise Job Driven Grant as requested by the office of the Vice Chancellor for Economic & Workforce Development. Each sub-grant can be renewed for up to four years at a cumulative amount not to exceed \$180,000. Each recommended sub-award is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor Grant – Promise America Job Driven Grant.

Travel Authorization for Trustees to attend the Texas Community College Teachers Association Annual Convention

The Trustees approved travel expenses for trustees to attend the Texas Community College Teachers Association Annual Convention in Austin, Texas, February 23-25, 2017. Board policy B.3.5 (Board Members: Conventions, Conferences, Workshops) states that if a trustee wishes to attend an event not included in the approved list, the trustee may request authorization from the board. If a trip has not been authorized by this policy, the trustee must submit a request to the board for approval pursuant to this policy.

Travel Authorization for Trustees to attend the All Texas Academic Team Medallion Ceremony

The Board approved travel expenses for trustees to attend the All Texas Academic Team Medallion Ceremony on March 24, 2017 in Austin, Texas. Board policy B.3.5 (Board Members: Conventions, Conferences, Workshops) states that if a trustee wishes to attend an event not included in the approved list, the trustee may request authorization from the board. If a trip has not been authorized by this policy, the trustee must submit a request to the board for approval pursuant to this policy

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved

Next Regular Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

George E. Killen Community and Education Service Center

101 Community Meeting Room

201 West Sheridan, San Antonio, Texas