

To: Alamo Colleges District Family
From: Mario Muñiz, District Director of Public Relations
Date: March 21, 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.

Link: [Board Agenda](#)

CEREMONIALS/RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Student of the Month – March 2017

Roxanne Saunders, Alamo Colleges District - 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. Roxanne Saunders is a member of the Psi Kappa Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two-Year College, the largest educational honor society in the world. Roxanne currently serves as the Vice President of Fellowship for the Psi Kappa Chapter. She is responsible for cultivating a relationship with the campus community, encouraging scholarly fellowship at all levels of the Society, and implementing strategies to increase membership. Saunders's membership in the Society reflects discipline, determination, and an innate desire to succeed. She has proven this with her high academic GPA of 3.6. Her involvement in the Society demonstrates servant leadership, sound communication skills, professionalism, and emerging leadership talent. In fact her commitment in her role as VP of Fellowship increased our chapter's membership by 20% from last fall. Saunders co-led the chapter's Honors in Action project, Individualism vs. Collectivism, which resulted in an awareness campaign regarding our institutions accreditation. She also supports the chapter's College Project, Quality Enhancement Plan- Ethical Decision Making (EDM), by serving in the college's Implementation Team and conducting classroom presentations on the topic. She has given back to the community by volunteering her time at the Davidson Respite House on a monthly basis. Her discipline and determination is owed to her 27 years of service in the army. Both her and her husband traveled the country together and saw parts of the world they would have never imagined if not serving their country. Her and her husband will be celebrating 29 years of marriage February 18. She has two beautiful children and as a family they love to travel and experience the taste of food from other countries. Roxanne has always displayed a high degree of integrity, critical thinking, and responsibility. Her determination, exceptional scholastic accomplishments, and her impact in the chapter, college, and community are characteristics of a true scholar. She is very deserving of being the student of the month.

Employee of the Month – February 2017

Ashley Brooks, Associate Director for Student Financial Aid – Alamo Colleges District

Quality Texas Award from Governor Greg Abbott

San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble (SAYWE) at Carnegie Hall Presentation – St. Philip's College, Nina McGrath

Daughters of the Republic of Texas – St. Philip's College, Dr. Adena Williams Loston

Raymond Elliot Endowed Scholarship (BEST MED) Check Presentation, Dr. Adena Williams Loston

Mr. Elliot's philanthropy will total \$500,000 towards scholarships for both fulltime and part-time students.

Texas Academic Decathlon, Rick Hopkins, San Antonio College

Mr. Hopkins has managed the decathlon for twenty years and SAC has been the host for the past sixteen years.

Outstanding First-Year Advocates National Award, Gary Bowling, Northwest Vista College

Only community college semifinalist for the Excellence in Teaching First Year Seminars Award, Adriana Sherman, Northwest Vista College

Emeritus Status

Larry Dana Goodrich, Professor Emeritus, Alamo Colleges District-Northwest Vista College

Camille Fiorillo, Associate Professor Emeritus of Library and Information Studies, Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College

NEW BUSINESS

Granting of Emeritus Status - Larry Dana Goodrich

The Board approved, with the recognition and appreciation for 19 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges District– Northwest Vista College and with the recommendation of the faculty and administration of Alamo Colleges District – Northwest Vista College and the Chancellor of the College District, Larry Dana Goodrich, Professor Emeritus of History at Alamo Colleges District - Northwest Vista College.

Granting of Emeritus Status - Camille Fiorillo

The Board approved, with the recognition and appreciation for 27 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, Camille Fiorillo,

Associate Professor Emeritus of Library and Information Studies at Alamo Colleges District – Palo Alto College.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

CHAIR'S REPORT

International Women's Day Scholarship Luncheon

Dr. Katz reported five female students from within the Alamo Colleges District were awarded scholarships with proceeds from this event.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Executive Faculty Council Update, Lisa Black

4 Disciplines of Execution (4DX) Report & Wildly Important Goal (WIG)
Presentations

Social and Behavior Sciences, St. Philip's College, Cynthia Pryor

Early Alert Strategy — Academic and Student Success, Dr. Jo Carol Fabianke

MyMap - An Update on Redefining the Student Experience, Dr. Adelina S. Silva

Center for Student Information Report, Dr. Adelina S. Silva

Campaign for Completion - Northeast Lakeview College, Dr. Veronica Garcia

Report and Discussion on Adoption of Rules for Licensed Concealed Carry of Handguns on Campus Effective August 1, 2017, Ross Laughead

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Quality Enhancement Plan: Ethical Decision-Making St. Philip's College
Presenters: Dr. Jude Manzo, Dr. Paul Machen, and Alberto Vasquez

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – Roberto Zarate, Chair

Legislative Report

Mr. Zarate provided an update on legislation related to the elimination of special items funding and increasing success points funding.

COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT – Denver McClendon, Chair

Trustees Report on Community Involvement

Town Hall Meetings on Accreditation, *Dr. Yvonne Katz*

Northwest Vista College

Northeast Lakeview College

St. Philip's College

Southwest Campus

RC2020 Reception, *Dr. Yvonne Katz*

Town Hall Meeting on Accreditation at Northwest Vista College, *Emmanuel Nyong*

Student District Council Policy, *Emmanuel Nyong*

Texas Association of Community College Attorneys Conference, *Roberto Zarate*

Mary Hull Elementary Reading, *Roberto Zarate*

Community College Coalition Meeting, *Roberto Zarate*

Community College Day, *Roberto Zarate*

STUDENT SUCCESS – Clint Kingsbery, Chair

Discussion and Possible Action on the Award of an Honorary Associate of Arts Degree Recipient at Alamo Colleges District - Northwest Vista College

The Board of Trustees approved Mr. Ray Lopez as the recipient of the Honorary Associates of Science Degree

Discussion and Possible Action on a Resolution Opposing Any Proposed State or Federal Legislation That Would Be Detrimental to the Educational Success of Alamo Colleges District's Undocumented Student "DREAMers"

The Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees approved a resolution opposing any proposed state or federal legislation that would be detrimental to the educational success of Alamo Colleges District's undocumented student 'DREAMers.

AUDIT, BUDGET AND FINANCE – Roberto Zarate, Chair

Discussion and Possible Action on Engagement of Independent Audit Firm for FY2017

The Board of Trustees authorized execution of a one-year engagement letter, which is the third year engagement under a five-year contract with Grant Thornton LLP providing for the purchase of independent financial audit services for Alamo Colleges for Fiscal Year 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$275,471 (49% or \$134,199 covers required Federal and State Single Audits). The Board authorizes an additional fee ranging from \$18,613 to \$22,500 per program/cluster should further individual federal and/or state program revenue rise to a materiality level requiring audit.

Discussion and Possible Action on Tuition Schedule for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

The Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees approved a Tuition and Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2017-2018

CONSENT AGENDA

Approved

Next Regular Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017

George E. Killen Community and Education Service Center
101 Community Meeting Room
201 West Sheridan, San Antonio, Texas