June 28, 2007

Board Report

BOARD ACTIONS

- Approved the minutes of May 24, 2007.
- Agreed to send a joint letter to Governor Rick Perry regarding his decision to cut all community colleges health benefits in 2009.
  *see attachments
- Approved Manhattan Construction’s application and certificate for payment No. 13 in the amount of $1,466,915.25.
- Received information on District High School and Service Area High School Graduates Report; the Academic Advisor Report January 2007-June 2007; and the Marketing and Recruitment program.
- Received the Five Year Plan for Campus Maintenance and Information Technology.
- Approved Adjunct Faculty for summer 2007.
- Approved TSCM replacement positions:
  - Tina Jennings - Records Clerk/Graduation Specialist
  - Mark Simpson -Sales Associate/College Store
  - Dora Arevalo - Housekeeper
- Approved Robin Abrams for Associate Degree Nursing Instructor.
- Approved David Goza for Director of Information Technology.
- Approved the Board Meeting dates for 2007-2008.
- Approved the Vocational Training Grant Proposal for “On the Right Foot – Helping Ex-Offenders with Reentry.”
- Approved the Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sonography Program bids for ultrasound systems (two cardiac and two vascular).
- Approved Budget Revision Recommendation(s) No. 1 as detailed in Office of the President Memo #103-2007
- Tabled discussion on the Payte Scholarship Criteria.
- Accepted the Financial Statements (May, 2007) and Check Register.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Over 80 people attended the Process Technology Open House on June 20. Representatives from various organizations and companies were present to answer questions about the aspects and benefits of working in process industries. ACC faculty and staff were also on hand to provide information about educational opportunities to prepare for such careers.
- Due to new House Bill 2644 which was just passed in the 80th Legislative Session, the requirements for becoming a massage therapist will increase effective September 1. Currently, massage therapists require 300 hours. The new requirements will require students who enroll after September 1 to earn
• Online and telephone registration for the fall 2007 semester at Alvin Community College will be held July 3 through August 23. Campus registration is scheduled for August 23. Weekend classes begin August 25 and weekday classes begin August 27.

• To make registering at Alvin Community College easy for first-time students, the Admissions and Academic Advising Office will host its second annual “Super Saturday” event on July 14. New students will be able to complete all the admission steps in one day, including submitting their admission application, taking the placement test for free, meeting an advisor and registering for classes. Payment for classes is not required on this date. The event starts promptly at 8 a.m. in the library and ends at 1 p.m.

• Campus, online and telephone registration for the Summer Two semester at Alvin Community College will be held on July 5. Late registration will be held on the first day of class July 9.

• The Alvin Community College Athletic Department hosted its 8th annual Softball Skills Camp June 25-28

• Texas Senate District 11 candidate Joe Jaworski spoke to Alvin Community College students enrolled in instructor Dr. Kevin Jefferies’ government class on June 11. Jaworski, who is a maritime attorney, will be running in the 2008 election. Jefferies regularly arranges for state and local government officials to speak on campus.

• The Alvin Parks and Recreation Department will hosts its annual Fourth of July concert and fireworks display at Alvin Community College on Wednesday, July 4. The Alvin Community Band will perform from 7:30 p.m. until dusk (approximately 9 p.m.) in front of the flag poles of the main campus. Fireworks will immediately follow.

• On April 21, 2007, Diana Stiles, Counselor in Admissions, Academic Advising and Testing Center passed the National Certified Counselor Examination (NCE) of the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) and received her National Counselor Certification (NCC). The NBCC is the licensing entity of the American Counseling Association and currently 41,116 counselors hold this national certification.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Items included:

1. Letter from Gregory Paulauskis, President, Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) awarded continuing accreditation to the Advanced Level Respiratory Care Program at ACC.

2. ACC Maintenance & Operations Budget 2007-2008

PRESENTATIONS

Regan Metoyer presented information on the ACC Upward Bound program since its inception. Information included: selection criteria, Saturday academy’s, tutoring program, 6 week summer session, field trips to Universities and graduation rates. The Upward Bound program has received funding for the next 5 years.

ACC MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS BUDGET 2007-2008

Dr. Darryl Stevens presented an overview of the proposed budget including the addition of Building S and the merge of Continuing Education (Fund 13). A budget workshop will be held on July 19.
June 25, 2007

The Honorable Rick Perry  
Texas Governor  
1100 Congress  
P.O. Box 12428  
Austin, Texas 78711-2428

Dear Governor Perry:

We write this letter in response to the action you took to veto $153,000,000 in State funding allocated in HB1 for health care benefits for eligible community college faculty and staff. In your budget proposal to the 80th Legislature, you included a full group health insurance appropriation for eligible faculty and staff to community colleges based on accurate information provided to the Legislative Budget Board. This information was provided to the Legislative Budget Board consistent with their directions to all Texas community colleges. We can only conclude that your veto and unjust accusations are the result of receiving incorrect information regarding Texas 50 community college districts. We saw the Texas Legislature conduct its due diligence on these issues during detailed appropriation process in committee and in public hearings. The Texas Legislature debated proportionality and decided to fund Texas community college group health insurance for eligible faculty, counselors and staff at 90%, State agencies at 100%, a majority of universities at 97%, and UT and A&M system universities at 95%.

Because of your veto Alvin Community College will lose $1.57 million, which will adversely impact Brazoria County citizens and have a devastating impact on economic development and workforce training in our area. As we are about to open a new Science/Health Science center this fall for training of scientists, Associate Degree Nursing students, Licensed Vocational Nursing students, Respiratory Care and other health/science students, we may need to cap enrollment, reduce programs at a time when Texas needs trained health care professionals and more college science graduates.
At a time when Texas is facing great challenges in educating our population to meet the increased demands for a trained work force, we respectfully request you begin work with the Texas Legislature to find a way to restore the funds so Texas community colleges may avoid cutting higher education programs and raising taxes to meet our mission as set forth in the Texas Education Code.

Sincerely,

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Chairman
Board of Regents

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   Mayor Delores Martin, City of Manvel
   Mayor Tom Reid, City of Pearland