BOARD ACTIONS

• Approved the minutes of December 7, 2006.

• Approved the Application and Certificated for payment of No. 8 in the amount of $764,005.20.

• The Board requested a workshop to discuss the Mamie Louise Payte Estate.

• Approved the Mir Fox & Rodriguez recommendation for clarification of the board policy to read “Upon retirement, or separation, an employee will be compensated for the amount of vacation balance shown on HR/Payroll records, up to but not exceeding 24 days (192 hours).”

• Accepted Alvin Masonic Lodge’s offer of a Cornerstone and Time Capsule ceremony for the Science/Health Science Building with approval of the design.

• Approved Karl Stager for Director, Fiscal Affairs/Comptroller and Deborah Kraft for Assistant Director, Fiscal Affairs.

• Accepted the resignation of Larry Cole, Workforce Development Coordinator.

• Accepted the resignation of Jennifer Pfeifer, Research Assistant for Institutional Effectiveness and Research.

• The Board requested a workshop regarding College Food Services this spring.

• Approved the request from Brazoria County that all political entities within the county elect to join together for a joint election in May 2007.

• Approved Grant Proposal: DHSS-Health and Human Services Addiction Technology Transfer Center.

• Approved the resolution for early referral of personal property and addendum to delinquent tax collection.

• Approved the Financial Statements (December, 2006) and Check Register.

• Information provided on budget planning for academic year 2007-2008 with projections, personnel and capital projects.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

• Spring Semester 2007 Enrollment
  Student Headcount 3,743
  Contact Hours 862,688
  (Spring 2006 – 3,580 – Contact hrs 806,496)
  *Awaiting certification by Texas Higher Education Coordination Board.

• On January 29, the Phi Theta Kappa Chapter working with AISD will be hosting a reception and awards for students in Jaime Sawka’s class at Walt Disney. They have been sending packages and letters to members of the Naval services. A Navy officer from the U.S.S. Cole will be on campus to meet with her students and with Phi Theta Kappa.

• The first class enrolled in the new Certified Nursing Assistant course offered at ACC earned a 100 percent pass rate on the state exam recently. The exam is administered through the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (TDADS) Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation
Program. Due to the increasing demand in healthcare and numerous requests from the community, ACC introduced the new CNA program three months ago. The six-week, 88-hour ACC CNA course provides training in basic care of acute and long-term patients with appropriate clinical experiences and prepares students to take the state certification exam. Students receive quality instruction in content ranging from basic comfort care and safety to effective communication skills and the capability of functioning as an integral member of the healthcare team. The next CNA class begins on February 5.

The ACC Alumni Association will honor Brazoria County Judge E.J. “Joe” King and Doris Sharp as the recipients of the 2007 ACC Outstanding Alumni Award at the Annual ACCAA reception and an Evening Big Band event on Feb. 10 at the Nolan Ryan Center. King, who has a long history of serving the community in law enforcement and service organizations, graduated from ACC in 1974. Sharp, who is the executive director of the East Texas Tech Prep Consortium, returned to college at the age of 42 to earn two associate degrees at ACC in 1984.

The 8th Annual Evening of Big Band will be held on Saturday, February 10, at the Nolan Ryan Center, the event will feature The Kurland Street Band beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A group of ACC students will join over 1,500 other students from community colleges throughout Texas at the state’s capitol on February 22, to highlight the essential role of two-year institutions in education and economic development. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., leaders of the Texas Junior College Student Government Association (TJCSGA) will discuss with state officials the urgency to safeguard and support the educational opportunities that keep Texans and industries working. The event marks the second time that Texas community college students have organized the statewide visit to lawmakers.

Registration for an eight-week mini term, which begins on March 5, will be held February 12 to March 2.

Dr. Jay Burton, chair of the Speech and Drama Department was recently honored as “Employee of the Quarter” for the fall 2006 semester.

Faculty members Dr. Jean Raniseski, Debra Fontenot, and Mark Demark were presented Innovation Awards at the spring workshop. Raniseski was honored for her efforts in visually improving the classrooms in Building G with the assistance of the ACC Art Department. Fontenot was honored for implementing innovative recruitment and retention programs.

The ACC Baseball and Softball seasons start with home games on February 2. The baseball team will play Navarro College at 1 p.m. at Phillips Field. The softball team will play Houston Baptist at 1 and 3 p.m. at Ruth Ryan Field.

Faculty members of the Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sonography Program received training on a new Hokanson Flow Lab system, which will be used for training. The new vascular flow lab uses Doppler and plethysmography, as well as segmental blood pressures using a multi-cuff system, to detect blood flow. The system allows sonographers to non-invasively detect blockages in the arterial system. It can also test the venous system for reflux due to incompetent venous valves and varicose veins. The comprehensive system provides color computerized reports and is widely used in the field. The Hokanson Flow Lab was acquired with Carl Perkins grant funds.

Famous Alvin mystery novelist and retired ACC professor Dr. Bill Crider was recently nominated for the prestigious Edgar® Award for “Best Short Story.” The Edgar® Awards are considered “the most respected and sought-after
awards in the industry.” Since 1946, Mystery Writers of America has been annually honoring the best mystery writers with the awards, which are named after Edgar Allen Poe. Famous recipients of the Edgar® Award include Arthur Maling, Agatha Christie, Mickey Spillane, Truman Capote and Alfred Hitchcock. Stephen King will be honored with the “Grand Master” Edgar® Award this year when the winners will be announced at the gala on April 26 in New York City. Crider was nominated for his short story, “Cranked,” which was published in last year’s Damn Near Dead: An Anthology of Geezer Noir.

CITIZEN INQUIRES

- Ms. Kathy Denham addressed the Board regarding Mamie Louise Payte’s donation.

PRESENTATIONS

- Betty Ketchum, Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC), presented a plaque to the College as Employer of the Year. The College received this award as recognition for helping people with disabilities through the Community Transitions Program.

- Larry V. Buehler, Economic Development Director, City of Alvin, Dr. Patty Hertenberger and Joy Weiner, the WorkSource presented information on two recent forums held to analyze the needs of local businesses and industries. A plan to develop a marketing strategy and strategic plan to help provide the needed resources to local businesses is being worked on.

INFORMATION ITEMS


- Information from the Association of Community College Trustees concerning their Governance Leadership Institute, March 3 and 4, 2007 in Orlando.

Included in packet:

- Notice from City of Pearland regarding annexation of MUD 5 and MUD 1 into the City of Pearland.

- Certificate from the Mayor’s Committee on People with Disabilities from the City of Alvin presented to ACC for Contributing Significantly to Community Awareness and Improved Quality of Life for Persons with Disabilities.