BOARD ACTIONS

- Approved the minutes of February 22, 2007 and the Special Called Meeting of February 27, 2007.

- Approved Manhattan Construction’s application and certificate for payment number 10 in the amount of $1,735,508.45.

- Approved option #3 from Victory Insurance to extend the property insurance contract from September 1, 2007 through April 1, 2008 at the current rates.

- Approved the following personnel replacements:
  - Nikki Thompson, Research Associate
  - Derrick R. Abney, Groundskeeper I
  - Hong “Louise” Le, Accountant
  - Arthur E. Linkins III, Workforce Training Coordinator
  - Cherilin Saladrigas, Kindergarten Teacher

- Approved the contract recommendations for 2007-2008 as detailed in the Office of President Memo # 45-2007.

- Approved the language regarding employees who resign during the term of an on-going contract as stated in the Office of the President Memo # 47-2007.

- Approved the College student tuition and fees as listed in the Office of President Memo #54-2007.
  - Fall 2007 Tuition
    - In-district $30 per credit hour
    - Out-of-district $58 per credit hour

- Approved the previous version of Section 13.24 (Office of President Memo #22-2007) on political advocacy without “equipment” and add “or resources.”

- Approved the resale of a trust property.

- Accepted the Financial Statements (February, 2007) and Check Register.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Three members of the Board of Regents - Brenda Brown, Bart DeWitt, and Bill Wofford - attended the 2007 Board of Trustees Institute for Achieving the Dream Initiative. Achieving the Dream has the major goal of “creating a legacy of student success.” All of the work in Achieving the Dream Initiative leads to more student success in community colleges in developmental courses and gatekeeper courses. The potential funding through this grant, which would probably not be available through the regular Maintenance and Operations Budget, will strengthen the College’s ability to help college students learn and succeed in achieving their higher education goals.

- Representative Mike O’Day reported the Texas Legislature had received appropriations bill and Alvin Community College was listed with a 3% reduction from the last biennium. Representative O’Day reported he had a conversation with the Chair of the Appropriations Committee and was told this was due to Alvin Community College having fewer contact hours. Representative O’Day was aware that Alvin Community College had been growing in contact hours and asked for documentation. Documentation was sent with our contact growth during the last base year, which totaled 2,347,168 contact hours.
• Online and telephone registration for the Summer One and 11-week semesters at ACC will be held April 3 to May 28. On campus registration will be May 29. Classes begin on May 30.

• Registration for a three-week mini semester, which begins on May 15, will be held April 16 to May 14.

• ACC will host its annual Writers’ Workshop on April 21, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Texas Room. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The event, which also features guest speakers, is designed to enhance and develop creative writing skills. The workshop is free to adults 60 and over and ACC students, faculty and staff. The fee is $10 for non-students and $5 for public school students with current identification.

• The Phi Theta Kappa Mu Upsilon Chapter inducted 54 new members during its spring 2007 ceremony on March 2. PTK is the international honor society of two-year colleges. Members follow four hallmarks, including scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship. To be eligible for PTK, students must have completed at least 12 college credit hours at ACC and maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Since its inception in 1963, over 3,500 students have been inducted.

• The Cherokee Cultural Society hosted the Spring Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow on March 24 and 25 at ACC. Indians from throughout the U.S. performed and competed in dance competitions during the event.

• Four Alvin High School seniors, trained through the ACC Emergency Medical Technology Program, advanced to state during a regional Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competition at Manvel High School on Feb. 16. AHS students Adam Gutierrez partnered with Beatriz Quiroz and April Lane with Brittany Robinson to place second and third, respectively, during EMT team skills testing at the event, which brought in over 850 students from approximately 45 schools in the Texas HOSA Area 6 region. They will compete at the state level during the HOSA State Leadership Conference at Moody Gardens, in Galveston, April 12-14. Endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and Association for Career and Technical Education Health Science Technology Education Division, HOSA is a national student organization dedicated to promoting healthcare industry career opportunities and enhancing quality healthcare for everyone.

• KACC 89.7 FM has been broadcasting live studio performances of local bands since March 2. They are the only radio station on the Gulf Coast doing so and it has been gaining a lot of attention. The next KACC Live event will feature Romeo Dogs on April 20 at 5 p.m.

• Gary Coleman, DDS, MS, and Jacqueline Plemons, DDS, MS, were guest speakers at a daylong workshop for dental professionals presented by the Dental Oncology Education Program (DOEP), Texas/Oklahoma AIDS Education Training Center and Alvin Community College Continuing Education and Workforce Development Department on March 9. Coleman, an associate professor for the Department of Diagnostic Sciences in partnership with the Baylor College of Dentistry and Texas A&M University System Health Science Center (TAMUSHSC), discussed oral health in cancer therapy and differential diagnosis of common oral lesions. Plemons, an associate professor for the Department of Periodontics also in partnership with the Baylor College of Dentistry and TAMUSHSC, discussed oral complications of HIV. The workshop was offered by DOEP as continuing education to provide dental professionals with cancer prevention and control information.

• The Continuing Education and Workforce Development Department honored the City of Alvin, Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce and The WorkSource with the Community Partnership Award and Doyle Swindell with the Special Distinguished Service Award during its annual meeting on March 7. The partnership between the City, Chamber, The WorkSource and College was highlighted for what it has been able to accomplish over the years. According to ACC Continuing Education Dean Dr. Patty Hertenberger, the department served over 5,000 people with workforce training and over 7,300 combined total with all continuing education programs last year.

• The ACC Foundation recently announced that ACC Process Technology Chair Mark Demark will attend the Hawaii’s National Great Teachers Seminar
on the big island Aug. 5-10. Since 1978, the ACC Foundation has sent one faculty member each year to a seminar to celebrate exceptional service, renew the instructor’s commitment to teaching and provide the resources and tools needed to continue to inspire and stimulate students, as well as themselves. When Demark became the chair of the department in July 2001, there were 30 students in the program. Now, there are approximately 150.

- The artwork of ACC students will be on display in the Gallery April 10-30. An artists’ reception will be held on April 18 from noon to 2 p.m. The reception is open to the public.

- The Office of Admissions and Academic Advising will host an open house on April 17, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., in the admissions area. Guests will be able to obtain information about the admission process, testing, career services, ADA, study skills and much more. For information regarding financing an education, the ACC Financial Aid Office will host an open house following the Admissions event, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the cafeteria.

- ACC’s Career & Job Placement Services and The WorkSource will host Spring Career Expo on April 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Nolan Ryan Center. The Career Expo, which is open to the community, as well as ACC students and graduates, is an excellent opportunity to bring employers and job seekers together. Approximately 30 companies from throughout the area are anticipated at the event.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Received a letter from Ann Mabry, Alvin high School Fine Arts Chair, commending Dennis LaValley and the ACC Art Department for the College’s collaboration with the high school art department.

- Received a letter from Corporal Shawn Gilcrease, Alvin Police Department, commending the ACC Dolphins Baseball team for their support of the event “Baseball is for Everyone.”

- Received a letter from Brenda Madison, ACC student, commending Dr. Norman Bradshaw for his teaching in the Business Law class.

- Included a copy of the ACC CE/Workforce Development Luncheon Program and Brochure.

- Received a letter from State Representative Mike O’Day congratulating Doyle Swindell on receiving the “Distinguished Service Award” at the Workforce Development luncheon.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Sgt. Shawn Gilcrease with the Alvin Police Department presented a video on “Baseball is for Everyone,” an event that took place on February 11, 2007. This was a baseball game for special needs children with ACC Dolphins baseball team and Alvin High School Yellow Jackets baseball team being buddies for the children.