December 13, 2007

Board Action

- Approved the minutes from the November 15, 2007 meeting.

- Approved payment to Manhattan Construction for Payment No. 9 for $15,725.35.

- Approved the College annual independent audit as presented by Mir-Fox Rodriguez, P.C.

- Approved the TSCM Education Benefits for Spring 2008 for the following employees:
  - Carmen Arreola
  - Tobie Matusek
  - Karen Morgan
  - Marylu Parvis
  - Scott Powell
  - Mark Simpson

- Approved for Alpha Trevino as Academic Advisor.

- Approved the State of Assurances – Somatic Bodywork/Massage Therapy for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

- Approved the bid for the Credit Class and Continuing Education/Workforce Training class schedules from Mirror Publishers.

- Approved the resale of a trust property.

- Accepted the Financial Statements for October 2007 and the check register.

President’s Report

- The Alvin Community Band and ACC Wind Ensemble will present its annual Christmas concert on Dec. 13, at 7 p.m., in the college theatre.

- The ACC Foundation raised over $29,000 at the Annual Christmas Gala for student scholarships, faculty and staff development programs and community enrichment projects.

- Danbury High School seniors, and many others, attended the annual Alvin Community College University Day Fair on Dec. 4. Representatives from approximately 20 colleges from throughout Texas were at ACC to give college students and members of the community the opportunity to ask questions, interact and network. ACC has been coordinating this event for nearly 25 years.

- Chris Peden, candidate for the U. S. Congress, spoke to ACC government students on Nov. 28. Peden, who is currently mayor pro tem in Friendswood, is running for Congressional District 14, which is occupied by presidential candidate Dr. Ron Paul. The event was arranged by ACC government instructor Dr. Kevin Jefferies, who regularly brings in candidates and elected officials as guest speakers. A representative for U. S. Congress candidate for District 22 Dean Hrbacek also spoke to students on Nov. 29.

- The Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sonography Department will offer a new advanced technical certificate in pediatric echocardiography beginning in January.
Applicants for the new program, which lasts for 18 months, must be registered in adult echocardiography and have an associate (or higher) degree in a related healthcare field.

- Five Alvin Community College baseball players recently received scholarships to various universities throughout the U. S. They include: Taylor Wulf, of Santa Fe, Miami University; Blake Lynd, of Deer Park, Penn State; Jeremy Toole, of Huntsville, Brigham Young University; Guillerma Cienfuegos, of Hidalgo, Lamar University; and Chris Herrmann, of Tomball, University of Miami.

- ACC Marketing and Communications Director Lynn Goswick was honored with the 2007 District 4 Communicator of the Year Award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations during a district conference in Galveston recently. ACC graphic artist Deborah Schmidt was also recognized with a $250 scholarship for exemplary work.

- The Church of Christ Student Fellowship student organization is hosting its annual “ACC Can Feed the Hungry” food drive through Dec. 14. Collection baskets are located throughout the main campus for non-perishable food items. Last year, the food drive collected enough to provide 27 families with a holiday meal. Many thanks to Coach Gary Coffman for coordinating this event.

Information Items

1. Received letter from Renu Khator, Ph.D., new University of Houston System’s eighth Chancellor and the University of Houston’s thirteenth President.

2. Received letter from Henry W. Prejean, Assistant District Attorney announcing a hearing on tax abatement application of Shintech, Inc. The Brazoria County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on January 8, 2008 at 9 am in the Commissioners Courtroom.