June 26, 2008

Board Report

BOARD ACTIONS

• Approved the minutes of May 20, 2008.

• Approved Application & Certificate for Payment for Art Building of $103,885.

• Acknowledged retirement of Fred Guild, Director of Physical Plant.

• Acknowledged the retirement of Clemence “Dick” Graef, Instructor, Physics. After 44 years Dick will be retiring as the longest serving faculty member at ACC.

• Accepted the resignation of Marilynn Abbey, Program Director, Pharmacy Technology, & Coordinator for On-line Medical Transcription & Medical Coding Programs.

• Approved the following personnel:
  o Donna Payne, Instructor/Chemistry
  o Nicole Wiley, Instructor/ Biology
  o Lee Rhodes, Groundskeeper I.

• Approved Position Classification & Compensation Plan Annual Review.

• Approved Board Policy: Mileage Reimbursement to $0.505 effective academic year 2008-2009.

• Approved the low bid from Cynmar Corporation of $21,330 for purchase of melting point apparatus for the Organic Chemistry Lab.

• Approved Board Meeting dates for 2008-2009 (no December meeting.)

• Approved resale of a trust property.

• Approved a pilot program for the Pearland Center for Fall 2008 and Spring 2009. Classes will be offered day and evenings at a “service area tuition” cost for Pearland residents at $135 per 3 credit hours.

• Accepted the Financial Report ending may 31, 2008 and check register.

COLLEGE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS BUDGET 2008-2009

Dr. Allbright and Dr. Darryl Stevens presented a $23,132,358 Budget that includes a 3% salary schedule adjustment and a $100 per class increase for adjunct faculty. It also includes the following new positions: College Academic Advisor – Manvel High School; College Academic Advisor – Dawson High School (part-time); Instructor of Polysmnography; Instructor of Respiratory Care; and Instructor of Psychology.

The proposed budget represents an increase of 3.99% over the 2007-2008 budget.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

• Summer 2008 Headcount/Contact Hour Report (First six weeks)
  Overall total Headcount: 2,359
  Overall total Contact Hours: 345,224
Summer 2007 Headcount/Contact Hour Report (First six weeks)

Headcount:                             2,280
Contact Hours:                   329,856

- The Texas Workforce Commission recently awarded ACC a $2.3 million Skills Development Fund grant to provide upgrade training for incumbent workers at several local chemical companies. The TWC grant will fund over 36,000 training hours for over 1,200 employees at Solutia, INEOS, Lyondell Basell and TEAM during the next year. Core and advanced skills in instrumentation, electrical maintenance, process operations, systems maintenance, equipment maintenance, troubleshooting, computer operations and process improvement are examples of topics that will be covered throughout the approximately 35 courses offered. Special thanks to Sara Bouse who wrote the grant.

- ACC Dolphins baseball player Chris Herrmann, of Tomball, was chosen to play on the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Star Team during a three-game series tournament against the Taiwan National Team at USA Stadium in Millington, Tenn. June 20-22. Herrmann was recently selected by the Baltimore Orioles during the Major League Baseball draft, honored at the JUCO World Series by being named to the All-Tournament Team, and named the ACC Dolphins Most Valuable Player of the Year.

- ACC Dolphins baseball players Chris Herrmann and Blake Lynd earned them a place on the JUCO All-Tournament Team at the conclusion of the World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. on May 31. Lynd also earned “The Rawlings Big Stick Award” for possessing the leading tournament batting average with a .556.

- ACC softball players Kristi Kelley, Sunny Wells and Kristi Keller were recently named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region Midwest Team. Kelly was honored with 1st Team Outfield, Wells with 2nd Team Pitcher and Keller with 2nd Team Outfield.

- The Alvin Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual Fourth of July concert and fireworks display at ACC on Friday, 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. For more information about the event, contact the Alvin Parks and Recreation Department at 281-388-4299.

- The Office of Admissions, Academic Advising and Testing will host its third annual “Super Saturday” event on July 12. New students will be able to complete all steps for admissions in one day, including: submitting an admissions application, placement testing, meeting an advisor and registering for fall 2008 classes. Payment deadline for fall 2008 classes is Aug. 21 and payment plans are
Placement testing, which is normally $39, will be offered free of charge for students planning to attend ACC. Testing space is limited, so make your reservations early. Registration opens on June 23. Go to www.alvincollege.edu and click on “Super Saturday” to make a reservation or call 281-756-3531 and mention “Super Saturday.”

- The first Kindergarten Class celebrated Graduation on May 29.

- The creators of the pilot plant used by ACC Process Technology students, Michael Stickney and Chris Roberts of MC International Research, Inc., were honored with the Idea*Ation Award by the Houston Business Journal, on May 14, for having the best idea in energy in the Houston metropolitan area over the last 10 years. The pilot plant was fabricated by ACC students from numerous programs, including drafting, process technology and welding. The project was funded by a Department of Energy grant awarded to MCIR. The duo partnered with ACC in 2005 to give ACC students an opportunity to gain experience in the actual design, fabrication and operation of a small scale prototype plant.

- To make it even easier to start or continue a college education, ACC will offer classes this fall at Manvel High School and Nolan Ryan Junior High School, in Shadow Creek Ranch. At MHS, Composition I, The United States Since 1877 and College Algebra will be offered on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 9:20 p.m. At NRJHS, courses in Art History I, Creative Writing, Intro to World Religions and Interpersonal Communications will be offered Monday evenings, 6:30 to 9:20 p.m. Courses in Small Business Management, Texas History, Music Appreciation and Career Spanish I will be available at NRJHS on Wednesday evenings, also 6:30 to 9:20 p.m.

- The ACC Summer Community Jazz Band will host a free concert in the ACC Theatre on July 14, at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact ACC Band Director David Griffith at 281-756-3588.

- Representatives from various organizations and companies were present at the ACC Process Technology Open House on June 17 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 at the free community event, as well. Special thanks to Mark Demark and Cammy Guiggsberg for coordinating the event.

- The college held a reception on June 10 for ACC Foundation and college scholarship recipients. Numerous ACC staff members organized the event to provide helpful information and advice to the new students before the start of the fall 2008 semester in August. ACC will also host a new student orientation, called “The Road to Success,” on July 31 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the gym to help give the hundreds of upcoming new ACC students the tools they will need to succeed in college.
1. Letter from Rod Risley, Executive Director of Phi Theta Kappa announced the ACC Chapter received special commendation during the Texas Regional Convention. The Chapter fulfilled all requirements to the distinction of being named a “5 Star Chapter.”


3. Letter from Grand Junction Lions Club JUCO Co-Chairs Doug Thomason and Mike Anton on how much of a pleasure it was to host the ACC Dolphin Baseball team at the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, CO.

4. Email from Wayne Baker, NJCAA Executive Director, congratulating the ACC Baseball Team on their 2008 baseball season and complimenting the team’s professional behavior at the event.

5. Letter from Monique Cossick, Executive Director Enrollment Management, Stephen F. Austin State University announcing Melanie Lackey and Amanda Roberts each received a $1000 Transfer Scholarship for fall 2008 and spring 2009.

6. Message from Dr. Renu Khator, Chancellor & President, University of Houston on her first 100 days in office.

7. Texas Workforce Commission Program Grant/Cooperative Agreement for the partnership with a Petrochemical Manufacturing Consortium.

8. Letter from Dr. William Staples, President, University of Houston-Clear Lake informing of master’s programs offered at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.