

**AMARILLO COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 27, 2011**

REGENTS PRESENT: Mr. John D. Hicks, Chair; Mr. Don L. Nicholson, Vice Chair; Mr. Carroll M. Forrester, Secretary; Ms. Michele Fortunato; Ms. Mary Jane Nelson; Dr. Gene Norman; Mr. H. Bryan Poff; Dr. Paul L. Proffer; and Dr. David C. Woodburn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. Robert Austin, Vice President of Student Affairs; Mr. Terry Berg, Vice President of Business Affairs; Mr. Lee M. Colaw, Chief Information Officer; Mrs. Ellen Robertson Green, Chief of Communication and Marketing; Dr. Paul Matney, President; and Ms. Danita McAnally, Chief of Planning and Advancement

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Appel – Dumas Community Guests
Mrs. Danielle Arias – Assistant Director of Continuing Education, MCC
Mrs. Tina Babb – representing Administrator’s Association
Mr. Gerald Bybee – Bond Counsel, Underwood Law Firm
Mr. Bruce Cotgreave – Director, Physical Plant
Mrs. Kim Davis – Dean of Continuing Education
Mr. Daniel Esquivel – Executive Director, Hereford Campus
Dr. Shawn Fouts – Dean of Career & Technical Education
Ms. Pamela George – representing Faculty Senate
Ms. Andrea Godoy – representing *The Ranger*
Mrs. Christina Gonzales – representing Classified Employees Council
Mr. Jason Hughes – Sr. Vice President, First Southwest Company
Mrs. Cullen Lutz – KACV-TV
Mr. Jacob Mayer – representing *Amarillo Globe-News*
Mrs. Lori Merriman – Executive Secretary, President’s Office
Mr. Anthony Najar – President, Student Government Association
Mr. Milton Pax – Moore County Commissioner
Mrs. Linda Pitner – General Manager, KACV-TV and FM
Mr. Dan Porter – Professor, Biology
Ms. Brittney Richerson – Editor, *The Ranger*
Mr. Greg Rohloff – representing *Amarillo Independent*
Mr. Mike Running – Executive Director, Dumas EDC
Mrs. Brenda Sadler – Exec. Asst., Pres’s Off. and Asst. Secy. to the Board of Regents
Mr. Robert Sanders – Legal Counsel
Mrs. Vickie Shelton – Director, Purchasing
Ms. Kim Silva – Vice President, Student Government Association
Mr. Mark Stroebel – Superintendent, Dumas ISD
Mr. Lynn Thornton – Director, Administrative Services/Human Resources
Mrs. Renee Vincent – Executive Director, Moore County Campus
Mr. David Ziegler – Assistant Director, Physical Plant

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hicks, Chairman. He welcomed all present and asked if there were any public comments. Dr. Norman gave the invocation.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Mr. Nicholson moved, seconded by Dr. Woodburn to approve minutes of the regular meeting of August 23, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPORT:

Anthony Najar, president of SGA said they continue to get new membership. On Monday, September 12, a 9/11 memorial was held on campus.

EDUCATION REPORT – KACV AMERICAN GRADUATE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT:

Mrs. Linda Pitner, General Manager, KACV-TV and FM, reported that KACV has received one of 41 nationwide American Graduate Community Engagement Grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to focus community awareness on the high school dropout issue. The two areas of focus are the K-12 students and the adult stakeholders. Project partners include Amarillo ISD and Panhandle Twenty/20. Fifty-seven percent of students are Pell Grant eligible; 6 out of 7 people you pass on campus are living in poverty; some are homeless; 1 out of 5 in Amarillo go to high school for awhile but do not graduate. Project components include: three broadcasts/webcasts, October 6, 8:00 p.m., *Face to Face*, one-on-one discussion with poverty expert, Dr. Donna Beegle; October 13, 8:00 p.m., *Success by Degree: A Community Conversation*, a panel discussion made up of educator/expert, community stakeholder and student perspectives on the dropout crisis and its local impact; November 3, 8:00 p.m., *Face to Face*, a one-on-one discussion with Damen Lopez, found of the No Excuses Network of Schools. Community Summit on October 26 from 8:00 - 10:30 a.m. will bring together community stakeholders to hear from and respond to guest lecturer Damen Lopez, founder of the No Excuses University Network of Schools and will be held at the AC Business and Industry Center. The electronic town hall meeting which will be on Face Book will be launched on October 6 and will be ongoing. Adult stakeholders will be asked to get on the web-based site to share information, resources, viewpoints and video collected over the course of the project; youth will also be invited to participate as their voice should be heard on this issue. And, youth created video messages ongoing through December 1; students will develop video messages to encourage their peers to stay in school; videos will be voted on in December with prizes awarded to the top class project and the top individual project; the videos awarded will then be professionally produced as public service announcements for use on the web and broadcast stations and by AISD.

MOORE COUNTY CAMPUS CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER APPROVED:

Dr. Matney, John Hicks, Michele Fortunato, and Bryan Poff recently met with the Moore County Campus Facilities Development Committee and were impressed with the engagement and involvement with which this committee was in regarding the proposed Moore County Campus Career and Technical Center.

Renee Vincent, Executive Director, Moore County Campus introduced the guests who came from Dumas. She discussed the inception and progress of the Moore County Campus in which the City of Dumas asked Amarillo College to start a campus in Dumas.

MOORE COUNTY CAMPUS CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER APPROVED Continued:

The Amarillo College Moore County Campus Tactical Plan development for 2011-2015 has resulted in the proposal to construct an approximately 30,000 square foot Career and Technical Center in Dumas, Texas. The Career and Technical Center will be built in the Dumas Economic Development Corporation (DEDC) Business Park, located at Hwy 287 and Success Blvd. The DEDC will gift to Amarillo College approximately 11 acres in the Business Park, with the understanding that construction commence within two years of the property being annexed to the City of Dumas and the utilities being located on the property. Pending approval by the Amarillo College Board of Regents, \$4.5 million in Revenue Bonds will be used to finance the new Career and Technical Center. Mrs. Vincent discussed the need for a Career and Technical Center. Mrs. Danielle Arias, Assistant Director of Continuing Education, MCC, gave a PowerPoint presentation which included answers as to why MCC needs more space; local industry has requested this, along with the Dumas High School; we are currently renting space from the Moore County Airport to house a 44-foot training truck and trailer. Moore County held an open forum which included employer focus groups which included energy companies, local government, construction, and repair; they relayed their needs which included training for small engine repair; linemen; electrical engineers; HVAC/electrical instrumentation; occupational safety; climbing and rigging; project management in concrete, framing, construction of wind sites; and customer service. Moore County Hospital has requested 100 CNAs from AC in two years; we can also provide IV therapy; paramedics, CMA, and coding training. Dumas ISD and Sunray ISD would like to offer more programs for Marketable Skills Certificates; renewable energy, and industrial maintenance which would require more space for concurrent enrollment in technical education during the day. AC Moore County Campus is already a training facility and has a qualified instructor pool; local industry will spend money on quality training of which we want to provide.

Jason Hughes, from First Southwest, presented information in regards to the sale of \$4.5 million in revenue bonds with a 20-year payout through AC-MCC revenue stream, which will be used for the construction and equipping of the Career and Technical Center in Dumas. Three local banks have expressed an interest in purchasing these revenue bonds.

Dr. Woodburn moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson to approve proceeding with the Career and Technical Center in Dumas, Texas, funded by \$4.5 million of revenue bonds. The motion carried unanimously.

REDEMPTION OF COMBINED FEE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 PASSED AND APPROVED:

Jason Hughes supplied information in regards to the redemption of the Combined Fee Revenue Bonds, Series 1997. The resolution authorizing bond redemption by Amarillo College is attached at page 13.

The recommendation will be to call these bonds which have a maturity of March 15, 2013. The College has a revenue bond reserve of approximately \$411,000 set aside for payment of the amount due of \$542,000. The remainder will come from funds set aside in the 2012 budget. The

**REDEMPTION OF COMBINED FEE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1997 PASSED AND APPROVED
Continued:**

cash savings to the College will be approximately \$25,000 and budgetary savings will be approximately \$163,000. Amarillo College will price approximately \$4.6 million in revenue bonds which will be presented for approval at the Board of Regents meeting on October 25, 2011.

Mr. Nicholson moved, seconded by Mr. Forrester to authorize bond redemption by Amarillo Junior College District; the resolution was passed and approved. The motion carried unanimously.

EVALUATION OF BIDS AND PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AT MOORE COUNTY CAMPUS APPROVED:

The board of trustees of a school district that is considering a construction contract must, before advertising, determine which method provides the best value for the district. The methods are:

1. Competitive bidding
2. Competitive sealed proposals
3. Design/build contract
4. Contract to construct using a construction manager
 - Construction Manager-Agent
 - Construction Manager-At-Risk

With the proposed construction of the Career and Technical Center in Dumas, Amarillo College needs to determine the type of construction contract which provides the best value for the College. It was recommended to use the Construction Manager-At-Risk type of contract. This type of contract has served the College well with past projects that have been undertaken.

Mr. Nicholson moved, seconded by Ms. Fortunato to approve the recommendation of use of a Construction Manager-At-Risk type of contract for Moore County Campus. The motion carried unanimously.

MISSION STATEMENT REAFFIRMED:

The Board reviewed AC's mission to determine whether to reaffirm its commitment to this mission or revise the mission. Ms. McAnally discussed the *Amarillo College Strategic Plan through 2015*; she reminded regents this a fluid document of which we must gain affirmation from the Board that we are on the right track. It will be presented to the Board annually.

Mission Statement: Amarillo College – enriching the lives of its students and community.

Context of Mission Statement as Contained in the *Amarillo College Strategic Plan through 2015*:

- **Core Purpose:** At Amarillo College, we help each student to succeed.
- **Vision:** At Amarillo College, we aspire for every student to have a success story.
- **Values:** At Amarillo College, we value;
 - Student Success
 - Quality Education

MISSION STATEMENT REAFFIRMED Continued:

- Opportunity for All
- Collaboration
- Community Responsiveness
- Responsible Stewardship

There are three performance measure goals which were discussed at this meeting: Goal 1: (Expand Student Success) 1-4 year graduation rate from AC; we are improving, Goal 2: (Ensure Student Access) Credit enrollment at AC; unduplicated fall 2011 headcount for academic students dropped some, Goal 3: (Promote Education and Economic Viability for Our Community) Educational attainment in Amarillo; students are taking more classes each semester.

Ms. Fortunato moved, seconded by Ms. Nelson to reaffirm commitment to the current mission statement. The motion carried unanimously.

AMARILLO COLLEGE BENEFIT PROGRAM EXTERNAL AUDIT:

The external audit of the Amarillo College Benefit Program for the 2010 calendar year has been completed by Johnson & Sheldon, P.C. A copy of the audit was furnished for Board review. This was an information item only and required no action.

The net assets available for benefits at the end of December 2010 were \$83 million which increased by \$8.7 million from 2009. As of December 31, 2010, there were 987 participants. The AC Benefit Program Committee meets four times a year; Board members who serve on this committee are Carroll Forrester, John Hicks, and Gene Norman.

INVESTMENT POLICY REVISIONS ACCEPTED:

First Southwest Asset Management, Inc. performed a review of Amarillo College's written investment policy to determine compliance with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256. Their review was limited in scope, with the primary purpose being to evaluate conformity with the Act. The Texas Legislature passed SB 2226 in 2011, which essentially clarified and expanded certain existing provisions of the Act. As a result, the revisions recommended will bring the College's policy into full compliance for 2011.

Attached at pages 14 through 24 were the recommended revisions for consideration.

Mr. Nicholson moved, seconded by Dr. Proffer to accept the recommended revisions to the Investment Policy of the Board Policy Manual. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF REGENT TERMS AND ELECTION PASSED AND APPROVED:

In 2009, Congress overhauled the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986 (UOCAVA) by enacting the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act. A major feature of the MOVE Act is its requirement that all states send absentee ballots to uniformed and overseas citizens at least 45 days before an election.

BOARD OF REGENT TERMS AND ELECTION PASSED AND APPROVED Continued:

The 82nd Texas Legislature passed SB 100 which requires each general or special election held by a political subdivision to be held on the second Saturday in May in either odd or even-numbered years. The bill also sets the general primary election date as the first Tuesday in April, and the runoff date as the third Tuesday in June. The change in voting dates is to accommodate the change in the early and absentee voting requirements for federal elections held in even-numbered years. SB 100 also provides that a county elections administrator is not required to enter into a contract to furnish election services for an election held on the second Saturday in May in an even-numbered year. An excerpt of SB 100 is attached at page 25.

Past Regent and special elections for Amarillo College have been administered by the Randall and Potter County Election Administrators. If Amarillo College were to continue holding elections in even-numbered years, Randall and Potter County would not provide election services which would drastically increase the cost and time involved in the preparation and execution of the elections. The City of Amarillo and Amarillo Independent School District hold elections in odd-numbered years, and would welcome the change in election date for Amarillo College. This change would not only encourage voter turnout but also lower the cost of holding elections for the three entities.

Mr. Forrester moved, seconded by Ms. Fortunato to pass and approve the resolution attached at pages 26 through 27 which extends the term of Regents by one year in order to accommodate the change from even-numbered election years to odd-numbered election years, and to set the Regents election on the uniform election date in May of odd-numbered years. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED:**A. APPOINTMENTS:**FacultyCreacy, Christy – Instructor, English

Effective Dates: August 15, 2011 through December 31, 2011

Salary: \$22,004.50 per year for 4.5 months full-time temporary

Qualifications: M.Ed., Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas

B.A., Texas Wesleyan University, Fort Worth, Texas

A.A., Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, Texas

Experience: 18 years related work

Note: Emergency hire

Bio: Christy Creacy has worked part-time as an Online Dual Credit Instructor at Amarillo College and has worked full-time in secondary education with Christian Academies in Fort Worth and Amarillo. Ms. Creacy is a graduate of Tarrant County College in Fort Worth and earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Master of Education from Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas.

APPOINTMENTS Continued:**Faustina, James R. – Instructor, Aviation Maintenance Technology****Effective Date: August 15, 2011****Salary: \$43,161.00 per year for 9 months full-time****Qualifications: A.A.S., Eastern New Mexico University, Roswell, New Mexico****Experience: 20 years related work****Replacement for: Dennis Moseley**

Bio: James Faustina moves to Amarillo from the Seattle, Washington area where he has worked in the general and commercial aviation area for 20 years and taught airframe and power plant classes part-time at Everett Community College. Mr. Faustina has an Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology from Eastern New Mexico University in Roswell, and is certified in Aviation Maintenance Technology – Airframe and Power Plant.

Fouts, Rochelle Lynne - Instructor, Education/Child Development Education Center**Effective Dates: August 15, 2011 through May 31, 2011****Salary: \$42,209.00 per year for 9 months full-time temporary****Qualifications: M.A., Friends University, Wichita, Kansas
B.S., Friends University, Wichita, Kansas****Experience: 5 years related work****Replacement for: Jana Rice****Note: Emergency hire**

Bio: Rochelle Fouts has teaching experience in Elementary Education with Edison Learning in Wichita, Kansas and Dallas, Texas and most recently worked with early-childhood day care workers in the Texas Panhandle in getting their Providers Certificate through Amarillo College. Ms. Fouts earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas.

Meraz, Tara G. – Instructor, Math**Effective Date: August 15, 2011****Salary: \$44,219.00 per year for 10 months full-time****Qualifications: M.S., West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas
B.S., West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas****Experience: 3 years related work****Replacement for: Penelope Davies**

Bio: Tara Meraz earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Mathematics from West Texas A&M University. Ms. Meraz worked part-time in the University Success Academy program with Amarillo College from 2005-2009. Ms. Meraz has also served as a graduate assistant, math tutor, teaching assistant and part-time instructor at West Texas A&M University.

Powell, Linda Charmaine – Instructor, Social Science**Effective Date: August 15, 2011****Salary: \$42,521.00 per year for 9 months full-time temporary**

APPOINTMENTS Continued:

Qualifications: M.Ed., University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, Brownsville, Texas

M.A., Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

B.S., Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas

Experience: 3 years related work

Note: Emergency hire

Bio: Charmaine Powell has been a classified employee at Amarillo College since 2001, serving as the Assistant to the College Librarian. During this time she has also taught part-time in the Social Sciences department. Ms. Powell earned a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree in History from Hardin-Simmons University, a Master of Education in Educational Technology from the University of Texas at Brownsville, and a Master of Arts in History from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

Rabson, Jennifer H. – Instructor, Physical Sciences

Effective Date: August 15, 2011

Salary: \$51,077.00 per year for 9 months full-time

Qualifications: Ph.D., University of Texas, Austin, Texas

B.A., Rice University, Houston, Texas

B.M., University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Alabama

Experience: 7 years related work

Replacement for: Mary Graff

Bio: Jennifer Rabson comes to Amarillo from Montevallo, Alabama. Ms. Rabson earned a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry from Rice University in Houston, a Bachelor of Music in Education from the University of Montevallo in Alabama, and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Texas at Austin. Ms. Rabson taught full-time at Palo Alto College in San Antonio and has served as a part-time instructor at several colleges and universities including Auburn and The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Vincent, John Marcus – Instructor, Instrument & Control, Renewable Energy, Moore County Campus

Effective Date: August 15, 2011

Salary: \$45,833.00 per year for 9 months full-time temporary

Qualifications: B.A., West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas

A.A.S., Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas

A.S., Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas

Experience: 11 years related work

Replacement for: Ronald Mashburn

Bio: John Vincent earned an Associate in Applied Science in Renewable Energy from Amarillo College and holds the Basic and Advanced Certificate in Wind Energy and has a Bachelor in General Studies from West Texas A&M University. Mr. Vincent has worked as a part-time instructor in Renewable Energy for Amarillo College and spent 10 years teaching Industrial Arts and Technology in the Dumas Independent School District.

APPOINTMENTS Continued:

Zhang, Junfang – Instructor, Library

Effective Date: August 15, 2011

Salary: \$58,988.00 per year for 10 months full-time

Qualifications: M.S., Peking University, Beijing, China

B.S., Peking University, Beijing, China

Experience: 14 years related work

Replacement for: Karen McIntosh

Bio: Junfang Zhang moves to Amarillo from Houston where she has worked for Houston Community College as the Automation Librarian. Ms. Zhang also served as Head of Library Systems and Information Transfer Services at Muhlenburg College in Allentown, PA and was an instructor in library and information science at Peking University in her native China. Ms. Zhang earned a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree in Library and Information Science at Peking University in Beijing, China and received a Certificate of Advanced Study from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

B. BIDS AND PROPOSALS:

• Request for Proposal No. 1264 – Re-roofing Project, East Campus Housing

RFP No. 1264, for re-roofing fourteen (14) residential units located on the East Campus and one (1) unit located at 3209 S. Washington, was advertised in the newspaper. Project Documents were obtained by five (5) contractors. A tabulation of the proposals received is attached at page 28.

It was recommended to award Proposal No. 1264 to Construction Services, the low proposer to the specifications, in the amount of \$147,020.00.

Funds are available in the current 2011-2012 Housing Budget.

• Request for Proposal No. 1265 – Furnishing and Installation of Carpet, East Campus Housing

RFP No. 1265, for furnishing and installation of carpet in the housing units located on the East Campus, was advertised in the newspaper. Project involves furnishing and installation of carpet on an as needed basis. Seven (7) carpet contractors received proposal packages for the project. Five (5) proposals were submitted. A tabulation of the proposals received is attached at page 29.

It is recommended to award Proposal No. 1265 to Quality Service & Supply, low proposer to the specifications, for the amount of \$84,987.00 (based on 7,100 sq. yards of carpet & pad).

Funds for this project are available in the 2011-2012 Housing Budget.

Dr. Woodburn moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

FINAL PAYMENT – 2007 BOND PROJECT, NEW HVAC EQUIPMENT FOR AMARILLO COLLEGE, EAST CAMPUS APPROVED:

Final payment in the amount of \$83,104.99 for the project listed above was requested to be approved. Construction Manager-at-Risk, Page & Associates, Inc. provided a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$2,258,587.00. The final cost for the project is \$2,199,780.04. A contingency in the amount of \$15,926.00 has been credited back to Amarillo College, along with a savings of \$42,880.96.

Ms. Fortunato moved, seconded by Dr. Proffer to approve final payment for new HVAC equipment for Amarillo College East Campus. Motion carried unanimously.

INVESTMENT REPORT APPROVED:

The Board of Regents was presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the period June 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011. A copy of the report was also provided to the Regents. We were in compliance with our investment policy and the Public Funds Investment Act. The weighted average maturity of the portfolio is approximately 3.5 months. The overall portfolio yield is 0.385%, which is very competitive in this market. During this time frame the portfolio market value has remained consistent at 100.12%.

Ms. Fortunato moved, seconded by Mr. Forrester to approve the Quarterly Investment Report. The motion carried unanimously.

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT ACCEPTED:

The preliminary financial statements as of August 31, 2011 are attached at pages 30 through 39.

Revenue

We have received 98% of our total budgeted revenue; \$16.6 million in tuition and fees or 99%.

Expenditures

We have spent 93% or \$48.4 million of the \$51.9 million amended fiscal 2011 budget.

Auxiliary Enterprises

Bookstores' net profit is \$1,017,602; \$55,501 more than last year, rental properties net profit is \$898,982.

Restricted Funds

Federal grants and contracts are down \$8,690,327; state grants and contracts are up \$140,481; local grants and contracts are down \$183,506; and KACV grants and contracts are up \$555,737. Resident instruction is down \$1,484,781.

Cash and Investments

\$44.3 million total minus \$11.8 million (bond) = \$32.5 million – August 2011; \$66.6 million total minus \$24.3 million (bond) = \$42.3 million – August 2010; \$66.1 million total minus \$26.1 million (bond) = \$40.0 million – August 2009.

FINANCIAL REPORT ACCEPTED Continued:**Alterations & Improvements**

There has been \$648,456 in actual expenditures out of the \$1.5 million projected cost or 44%.

Tax Schedule

\$18,894,839 has been collected out of \$18,315,475 budgeted; we have exceeded our budget by \$579,364.

Bond Expenditures

\$43.4 million has been spent out of an estimated \$54.0 million.

Dr. Proffer moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson to accept the financial reports. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Matney distributed two organizational charts; one for AC and one academic.

As of the census date, fall enrollment for academic students was 11,500 compared to 11,675 last fall. Today's academic enrollment numbers show 11,598.

Texas Comptroller, Susan Combs will be at Amarillo College on September 28 at 1:45 p.m., in the Palo Duro Room, to congratulate AC on the Sonography Program.

On October 21, 9:00 a.m., Dr. Kay McClenney will be the keynote speaker of the Achieving the Dream community rollout at Central Church of Christ.

On October 12, 2011, Dr. Matney, Mr. Hicks, Ms. Nelson, and Mr. Nicholson will travel to Dallas for the Texas Association of Community Colleges Trustees and Administrators (TACCTA) meeting.

On November 3-4, Dr. Matney, Mr. Hicks, Ms. Nelson, and Mr. Nicholson will travel to Austin for the Texas Higher Education Leadership Conference

On September 29, the 50th Amarillo High School Alumni Committee will announce the historical marker to be placed at the former AHS location on Polk Street.

The AC Foundation will have their annual meeting, which will honor John and Charlotte Huffaker, on October 4 at the Amarillo Club.

On October 28 and 29, the Texas Mission Mercy will host a dental mission in Amarillo that brings hundreds of dentists, dental professionals and other volunteers from across Texas together. Their goal is to relieve immediate pain and restore smiles. AC dental hygiene students will be involved; they expect to see between 11,000 – 12,000 patients.

Dr. Matney introduced Dr. Shawn Fouts who has been working on a Workforce Training Contract with RONCO, an international company, who approached Amarillo College early last spring about training opportunities.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Continued:

Amarillo College, Texas A&M University, and the University of Texas are working as partners. This pilot program will be where we hire an instructor to teach 20 welding students in Kurdistan, Iraq. There will be no financial liability to Amarillo College; RONCO will pay for all plus the hiring of one instructor. There may be future opportunities for AC training regarding homeland security. Future information will be furnished the Regents to clarify some issues regarding this endeavor and others if they come to fruition.

REGENTS' REPORTS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMENTS REGARDING AC AFFILIATES:

Ms. Fortunato distributed one-page flyer from the AMoA which featured the *Aftermath: Images from Ground Zero* exhibit with will be highlighted October 28 – December 31. These photographs were taken after the September 11, 2001 attack. In partnership with KACV, AMoA will present a special screening of NOVA's "Engineering Ground Zero," on Friday, October 28, 7:15 p.m. And, on November 17 at 7:15 p.m. the Reverend Stuart Hoke, former Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church will have a personal testimony regarding when he ministered to the emergency workers of 9/11.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Hicks announced there would be a closed meeting 1) to afford an opportunity for the Board to discuss the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property pursuant to Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, 2) in order that the Board of Regents may deliberate a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation, and 3) to allow the Board an opportunity to discuss their annual evaluation of President Matney.

At 9:50 p.m., Mr. Hicks called the Amarillo College Board of Regents meeting back into open session. 1) Mr. Nicholson made the following motion: I move that this Board pass a Resolution declaring the land and improvements at Lot 5, Block 137, Mrs. M.D. Oliver-Eagle Addition to the City of Amarillo, Randall County, Texas known and described as 3209 South Washington Street, Amarillo, Texas, as surplus and not necessary for Amarillo College operations and that the President be authorized to proceed to sell this property according to law. Mr. Forrester seconded. The motion carried unanimously. 2) Dr. Woodburn made the following motion: I move that the President be authorized to sign the Everett and Mabel McDougal Hinkson Memorial Agreement on behalf of Amarillo College and to also sign the Escrow Agreement in connection with same on behalf of Amarillo College and be empowered to carry out both agreements on behalf of Amarillo College. Mr. Poff seconded. The motion carried unanimously. 3) No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Carroll Mack Forrester, Secretary

