


## SOUTHWEST TEXAS COLLEGE MEMORANDUM

TO: SWTX Board of Trustees

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On Behalf of the SWTX President's Cabinet

DATE: August 14, 2025

SUBJ: Required Policy

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Texas Senate Bill (SB) 37, passed in the 2025 legislative session, requires a college's governing board to adopt a policy regarding the establishing of a college faculty council or senate. The law states that "only the governing board of an institution of higher education may establish a faculty council or senate at the institution." Additionally, the adopted policy must include provisions from SB 37 related to the composition of the faculty council or senate and include the role of the institution's Chief Executive Officer in that composition.

The SWTX Administration recommends that the SWTX Board of Trustees adopt Policy BAA (LOCAL) in order to comply with the requirements of SB 37 to establish a faculty council or senate.

The specific Policy language/text is under review by the SWTX Administration and legal counsel and will be provided to the SWTX Board at its regular meeting of August 21, 2025 to consider and act upon.