

## **AGENDA ITEM 9.E.**

**RE:** Adopt a Resolution Abolishing Faculty Senate in Accordance with the Mandates of Texas Senate Bill 37

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends that the Laredo College Board of Trustees adopt a resolution abolishing faculty senate in accordance with the mandates of Texas Senate Bill (SB) 37.

**BACKGROUND:** In June 2025, the 89th Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 37 (SB 37), which mandates the restructuring of faculty governance organizations at public institutions of higher education across Texas. Effective September 1, 2025, the bill prohibits the continuation of faculty senates in their current form and instead requires institutions to establish a new advisory-only faculty body with membership and governance criteria strictly defined by the law.

SB 37 was designed to strengthen institutional accountability, centralize oversight by governing boards, and align faculty advisory structures with broader administrative and state interests. In compliance with SB 37, the current Faculty Senate—formed and governed under institutional bylaws preceding this legislation—must be dissolved by the effective date of September 1, 2025. A new faculty advisory organization must be established in accordance with the revised statutory framework. Abolishment of the existing Faculty Senate is a legal prerequisite to the formation of the new body. Therefore, a resolution has been created to comply with SB 37; please see attachment.

**BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

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