**Agenda Item 7.F.**

**RE:** Faculty Council Membership 2026-2027

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For information only.

**BACKGROUND**: Senate Bill 37 (SB 37), enacted by the 89th Texas Legislature and effective September 1, 2025, established statutory requirements governing faculty councils or senates at public institutions of higher education under Texas Education Code §51.3522.

Under the statute, the governing board has the authority to establish a Faculty Council and must adopt a policy governing the selection of its members. Laredo College Board of Trustees as adopted BGC polices. The policy ensures adequate representation of each delegation, require members to be faculty members, and limit membership to no more than 60 members, with at least two representatives from each delegation. One representative from each delegation is appointed by the Laredo College's President, while the remaining representatives are elected by the faculty of their respective delegation. The Faculty Council serves in an advisory capacity, representing the institution's faculty and providing recommendations to institutional administration on matters related to the general welfare of the institution. The Council does not have final decision-making authority.

Discussion of Faculty Council membership will provide an opportunity to review faculty representation, including both appointed and elected members. Having established the LC Faculty Council supports structured faculty input on institutional matters while maintaining the governing board's statutory oversight and decision-making authority.

**BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS**: None.

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