

ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION
COUNCILS AND FACULTY SENATES/BOARD DUTIES AND
RESPONSIBILITIES ON FACULTY COUNCIL

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Purpose

~~The Laredo College Faculty Senate is established as a self-governing and self-controlling organization upon the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges' (SACSCOC) recommendation.~~

~~The principal objectives of the faculty senate are as follows:~~

- ~~1. To promote academic fellowship and cooperation among its members;~~
- ~~2. To promote faculty participation in the College District's academic growth and development;~~
- ~~3. To coordinate faculty activities in exploring ways and means to serve the interests and welfare of its members;~~
- ~~4. To develop a continuing program of faculty responsibility keyed to the College District's students' present and future needs;~~
- ~~5. To provide a formally recognized channel of communication between faculty and the student body, and between faculty, the administration, and the College District's Board of Trustees; and~~

~~6. To recommend policies and measures/procedures to implement them.~~

The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of faculty involvement in institutional governance and academic affairs. To support this, a Faculty Council, serving in an advisory capacity, provides a formal and organized structure for faculty participation in matters such as curriculum, academic standards, and faculty welfare. The Faculty Council shall act as an advisory body to the College administration, in accordance with state law, including Texas Education Code § 51.3522 and subsequent amendments under SB 37 (2025).

Authority & Oversight

The establishment or continuation of a Faculty Council requires authorization by the Board of Trustees.

Administrative Procedures

The College President, or designee, shall establish and maintain administrative procedures governing the operation of the Faculty Council. These procedures shall include, but are not limited to:

- The structure and size of the Council,

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- Eligibility criteria for membership and the selection process.
 - a. **Representation & Selection:** The Faculty Council shall be composed solely of faculty members. Limit the number of members to no more than 60, with at least two representatives from each division, including:
 - i. One member from each division appointed by the chief executive officer of the college; and
 - ii. The remaining members elected by a vote of the faculty of the member's respective division.
- Terms of service and officer appointments,
- Rules governing meetings, transparency, and quorum requirements,
- Scope and limitations of advisory responsibilities,
- Conditions for service and grounds for removal,
- Compliance with applicable state laws, including requirements for live-streaming, public notice, and recordkeeping.

These procedures shall ensure the Faculty Council operates within the bounds of its advisory role, supporting shared governance while remaining aligned with the College's mission and relevant statutes.