

## **AGENDA ITEM 9.D.**

**RE:** Discuss Provisions of Texas Senate Bill 37 Requiring Abolishment of the Faculty Senate in its Current Form, Act as Needed to Form a New Faculty Representative Organization, and Change Laredo College Board Policy BGC(LOCAL) and Board Regulation BD(REGULATION)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends that the Laredo College Board of Trustees discuss provisions stipulated in Texas Senate Bill (SB) 37. In June 2025, Texas enacted SB 37, effective September 1, 2025, which redefines faculty governance and the call to immediately abolish faculty senates that do not comply with the SB 37 followed by restructuring faculty senates as advisory bodies. The restructuring of the new faculty council will need to be organized no later than January 1, 2026. Such changes will impact LC policies, BGC (Local) and BD (regulation).

**BACKGROUND:** SB 37 requires higher education institutions to first abolish the current faculty senate since it is not in compliance with new law. Action is needed to form a new faculty representative organization in which Laredo College will name the new structure as the Faculty Council. Therefore, the Board of Trustees will allow LC to (1) Abolish the Faculty Senate in its Current Form; (2) Allow LC to form a new faculty representative organization named the Faculty Council. In this new form, Board of Trustees are allowing LC to approve reconstitution of the faculty senate with new membership, officer-appointment, and advisory-only structure; (3) Direct updates to institutional policies and bylaws, faculty procedures manual, faculty senate constitutions, and other resources that contain verbiage of faculty senate to reflect SB 37 compliance. In addition, allocate resources for transparency infrastructure and public meeting compliance; (4) Specifically, modify both BGC (Local) – Administrative Organization: Councils and Faculty Senates as well as BD (Regulation)- Board Meetings.

**BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

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