

RESOLUTION OF LAREDO COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH TEXAS SENATE BILL 37 AND THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE EXISTING FACULTY SENATE

WHEREAS, the 89th Texas Legislature enacted Texas Senate Bill 37 (“Senate Bill 37”), amending Chapter 51 of the Texas Education Code to add Section 51.3522 (“Section 51.3522”), governing the establishment and recognition of faculty senates and similar representative bodies at public institutions of higher education in Texas;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 37 provides that only the governing board of a public institution of higher education may establish a faculty senate;

WHEREAS, under Section 51.3522, any such faculty body must be established pursuant to a policy adopted by the institution’s governing board which sets forth procedures for the selection of members and the scope of the body’s representative authority;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 37 further provides that any existing faculty senate or similar body not created pursuant to Section 51.3522, and not ratified by the governing board by September 1, 2025, shall be abolished as a matter of law;

WHEREAS, the current faculty senate at Laredo College was not created pursuant to a policy adopted under Section 51.3522, and does not meet the requirements of any such policy currently in effect;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Laredo College (also referred to as “the Board”) desires to reconstitute a faculty representative body in accordance with the requirements of Senate Bill 37 and establish a timeline for accomplishing same.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Laredo College that:

1. The Board finds that the existing faculty senate was not established in compliance with the provisions of Section 51.3522 of the Texas Education Code set to become effective on September 1, 2025, and does not meet the requirements of any policy adopted by the Board pursuant to that Section.
2. In accordance with Senate Bill 37, the existing faculty senate shall be abolished effective September 1, 2025;
3. The Board will adopt a formal policy under Section 51.3522 to govern the future establishment of a representative faculty body to be known as the Faculty Council, consistent with state law and the best interests of Laredo College;
4. The Board will adopt a timeline for the formation of a Faculty Council; and

5. The administration is directed to prepare and present a proposed policy for the Board's consideration addressing the formation, structure, selection procedures, and responsibilities of the future Faculty Council, in accordance with the requirements of Section 51.3522.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of Laredo College on this 30th day of July, 2025.

Mr. Esteban Rangel
President, Board of Trustees

Ms. Jackie Leven-Ramos
Secretary, Board of Trustees