

Faculty Senate Resolution voted on April 2025

Whereas the specializations of faculty assignments necessitates the use of their offices or teaching spaces whereby the general area of the library may not provide the resources to assist Laredo College Students; and

Whereas the obligation of faculty to discuss private grades with Laredo College students is undermined by the open area of the open library space the lack of privacy does not allow for accurate communication without the potential violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of Laredo College Students; and

Whereas the need for full time faculty to serve as tutors has been decreased by the hiring of student tutors for C.L.A.S.S. services; and

Whereas a Fall 2023 survey of students reported less than 25% favorable ratings for faculty being present in the C.L.A.S.S. area preferring instead help from their student peers;

Be it resolved that the Faculty Senate strongly recommends to the administration that a formal requirement of 3 hours per week for full-time faculty to serve in the C.L.A.S.S. designated area be removed from our contracts beginning in the Fall 2025 and restored to our Office Hour duties where we can assist students in a more effective manner. The vote of the Faculty Senate was unanimous with all voting in favor and none voting against (please note that all faculty agreed that when appropriate the option to spend up to three hours a week in the C.L.A.S.S. designated area still be optional for all those faculty who find it useful to their instruction).