



**ALAMO
COLLEGES
DISTRICT**

FACULTY SENATE

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026
1:30 PM**

**ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT
Dr. Bruce Leslie Board and Community Room
2222 N. Alamo St.
San Antonio, TX 78215**

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Update by Priscilla Camacho, Chief Legislative, Industry & External Relations Officer
3. Faculty Senate Officer Report Out
4. Welcome Back - College Updates
 - St. Philip's College
 - San Antonio College
 - Northwest Vista College
 - Palo Alto College
 - Northeast Lakeview College
5. Faculty Senate Committee Formation
 - Shared Governance
 - Faculty Compensation
 - Workflow Efficiencies
6. New Items
 - Sustaining Promotion/Termination Appeals Committees
 - College-specific email addresses (i.e. SAC-facsenators@alamo.edu)
 - College-specific Faculty Forums
 - Discussion of District Policy D.8.2.1 (Procedure) Promotion Process
 - Addressing Faculty Concerns: Process and Procedure
 - Questions for the Chancellor/District Leadership
7. Upcoming Events/Reminders
8. Next Meeting: September 18, 2026 at 1:30 PM
9. Adjournment

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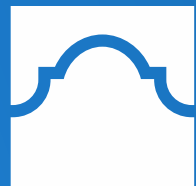
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2:00 PM ON THIS 21st DAY OF AUGUST 2026



Faculty Senate

August 28, 2026



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Legislative Update

Priscilla Camacho

Chief Legislative, Industry, and External
Relations Officer



Senate Bill 37 (89th Legislative Session)

- **Comprehensive legislation that focuses on general academic curriculum, faculty senates/councils, governing board training, and creation of the Office of the Ombudsman**
- **General Academic Curriculum**
 - Final decision making on approval of curriculum is with the governing board of the IHE
 - Requires a review of the general education curriculum every 5 years
 - AN IHE Governing Board must ensure curriculum meets specific standards including that it is foundational and fundamental to a sound postsecondary education
- **State Level General Academic Curriculum Review**
 - Required THECB to create a committee to review the General Education Curriculum
 - The THECB Committee must present a report and recommendation to the THECB by November 1, 2026 followed by a report to the Legislature before December 31, 2026
- **Minor Degree and Certificate Program Review**
 - Requires each IHE to adopt a process for reviewing once a every 5 years the IHE's minor degree and certificate programs

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- **What has occurred since September 1, 2025?**
 - **Alamo Colleges District**
 - The Alamo Colleges is utilizing the Core Curriculum Council (CCC) to carry out the tasks outlined in SB37
 - The ACD Board of Trustees approved at the June 2026 Regular Board Meeting the addition of 18 courses to the Life & Physical Science Core 30 Component Area
 - The CCC consists of equal number of representatives from each college:
 - Voting members- 4 Faculty representatives from each College Curriculum Review Team
 - Non-Voting Members- 1 Academic Administrator and 1 Student Success Representative
 - **THECB**
 - The THECB created a General Education Curriculum Advisory Committee (GEC)
 - The GEC has met and hosted listening sessions
 - The GEC will present a report with recommendations to the THECB at the October 2026 Board meeting

Current Core Curriculum

42 SCH = 14 Courses

Most core courses are 3 semester credit hours, so the 42-hour structure typically translates into 14 courses.



The current model is often experienced by students not as 9 component areas, but as 14 separate courses.

Unique Core Courses

CURRENT MODEL

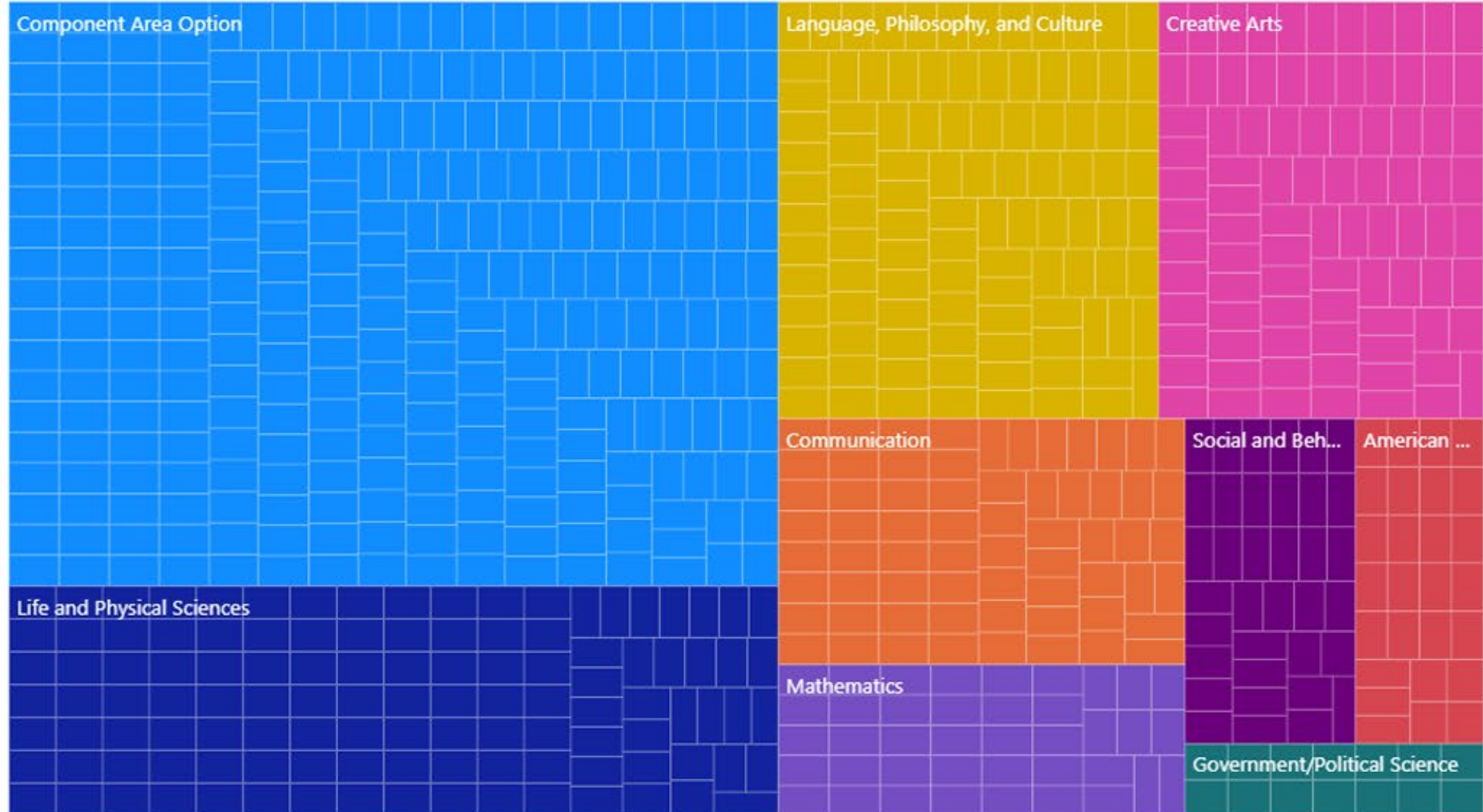
42 SCH

9 COMPONENT AREAS

- 1 Communication 6 SCH
- 2 Mathematics 3 SCH
- 3 Life and Physical Sciences 6 SCH
- 4 Language, Philosophy, and Culture 3 SCH
- 5 Creative Arts 3 SCH
- 6 American History 6 SCH
- 7 Government/Political Science 6 SCH
- 8 Social and Behavioral Sciences 3 SCH
- 9 Component Area Option 6 SCH

6 CORE OBJECTIVES

-  Critical Thinking Skills
-  Communication Skills
-  Empirical and Quantitative Skills
-  Teamwork
-  Social Responsibility
-  Personal Responsibility



3,420

Number of Unique Courses

Shared Direction:

Toward a More Focused General Education Curriculum

Pursuant to Senate Bill 37, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) established the General Education Curriculum Advisory Committee to review general education curriculum requirements at Texas public institutions of higher education. As part of this effort, the committee is examining methods for determining general education component courses and for streamlining the number of required general education courses.

Benefits of a New General Education Curriculum: Reducing the Consequences of Misalignment

- Improve transfer outcomes by creating a more consistent statewide academic foundation.
- Reduce excess hours by making it clearer how general education courses apply across institutions and programs.
- Support timely completion by limiting unnecessary repetition and helping students understand what counts toward a credential.

What are other colleges doing?

- **University of Texas at Austin**

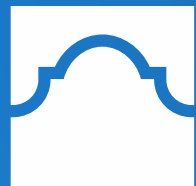
- New Core organized under three sections:
- Reduction from 42 SCHs to 32 SCHs (the other 6 SCHs can come from electives or courses in their major)
 - Arts & Humanities (15 SCHs)
 - Social Sciences (9 SCHs)
 - STEM (12 SCHs)
- Pilot Phase for Fall 2027 followed by full implementations by Fall 2028

- **University of Houston**

- Removed 133 courses from the Core Curriculum Options
 - LINK to new Core Courses
 - Applicable for AY 2026-2027

- **Texas State University System**

- Modified 135 of their 136 General Education Courses
- Removed 8 courses



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THANK YOU

