

ITEM NO.

Adoption of Resolution Establishing a Dallas College Faculty Senate and
Approving a Related Policy

Texas Senate Bill 37, adopted by the 89th Texas Legislature authorizes the governing board of a public institution of higher education to establish a faculty council or senate representative of full-time faculty of the institution. Recognizing that the College District appreciates the value of faculty input on matters affecting the general welfare of the College District, the Chancellor recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the attached resolution, establishing a Dallas College Faculty Senate and adopting a policy that sets forth the minimum requirements for selection of its members and its general operation and function.

Effective Date:

Upon Board Approval

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DALLAS COLLEGE FACULTY
SENATE AND APPROVING A RELATED POLICY**

WHEREAS, the 89th Texas Legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law, Senate Bill 37 (S.B.37);

WHEREAS, S.B. 37, effective September 1, 2025, relates to the governance of Texas public institutions of higher education, including but not limited to the establishment of a faculty council or senate;

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 2.02 of S.B. 37, codified as Section 51.3522 of the Texas Education Code, authorizes the governing board of public institutions of higher education to establish a faculty council or senate representative of the full-time faculty of the institution and to adopt a policy that sets forth the minimum requirements, as prescribed by S.B. 37, for selection of its members and its general operation and function;

WHEREAS, the Dallas College Board of Trustees (the “Board”) wishes to exercise its authority, as provided by S.B. 37, to establish a Dallas College Senate governed by the local policy DGD (LOCAL), which is attached hereto and presented to the Board for its consideration and approval, as required by S.B. 37; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF DALLAS COLLEGE:**

Section 1. That the Board has reviewed the policy DGD (LOCAL), attached hereto, which sets forth the minimum requirements, as prescribed by S.B. 37, for selection of the members of a Dallas College Faculty Senate and its general operation and functions;

Section 2. That the Board finds that policy DGD (LOCAL) meets the requirements of Section 51.3522 of the Texas Education Code;

Section 3. That in accordance with the requirements of S.B. 37, the Board hereby approves the adoption of local policy DGD (LOCAL);

Section 4. That with the adoption of this resolution, the Board hereby establishes a Dallas College Faculty Senate, as contemplated and governed by DGD (LOCAL);

Section 5. That the Chancellor or designee is hereby authorized to develop and maintain rules and procedures to govern the Faculty Senate;

Section 6: That this Resolution and the policy DGD (LOCAL) attached hereto are effective upon adoption by the Board of Trustees.

DALLAS COLLEGE

By: _____
Paul Mayer, Chair
Board of Trustees

ATTEST

By: _____
Justin H. Lonon, Secretary
Board of Trustees

Adopted
August 12, 2025

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Purpose

The College District recognizes the value of faculty input and will regularly seek the advice of faculty on important matters affecting the institution. Accordingly, and subject to applicable Texas law, the authority of the Board, as provided in BBE (LOCAL), and subject further to the authority the Board has vested in the Chancellor or a designee, full-time faculty of the College District shall, through the Faculty Senate, serve and operate as the recognized faculty advisory body for the College District on matters affecting the general welfare of the institution.

Scope of Authority

The Faculty Senate shall operate in an advisory capacity, upholding the tenets of shared governance and the mission of the College District. No final decision-making authority shall be delegated to the Faculty Senate or any of its members. Recommendations or proposals made by the Faculty Senate on matters affecting the general welfare of the institution shall have no effect, unless approved by the Provost, the Chancellor or the Board, as applicable. [See BG (LOCAL)].

Composition

Composition of the Faculty Senate must ensure adequate representation of the faculty of the College District and satisfy the following minimum requirements:

1. Be comprised of full-time faculty only;
2. Include not more than 60 members, including two members from each of the seven Schools of the College District, of which one must be appointed by the Chancellor;
3. All members, except those members appointed by the Chancellor, must be selected by a vote of the faculty of the member's representative College District constituency;
4. Terms of office must be limited as follows:
 - a. A member appointed by the Chancellor may serve up to six consecutive one-year terms, with eligibility for reappointment occurring after the second anniversary of the of the last day of the member's most recent term.
 - b. An elected member shall serve a two-year term, with eligibility for reelection occurring after the second anniversary of the last day of the member's most recent term.
 - c. The service of elected members shall be staggered in a manner that allows approximately one half of the elected members to be elected each year.

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Organization/
Function

In addition to the above requirements, the general organization and function of the Faculty Senate, shall:

1. Represent the general body of full-time faculty of the College District.
2. Operate according to rules and procedures established by the Chancellor or designee, including, but not limited to, those relating to the conduct of meetings and the election of members.
3. Allow for appointment of a presiding officer, associate presiding officer, and secretary of the Senate by the Chancellor. The presiding officer shall preside over meetings of the Senate and represent the Senate in all official communications with College District administration.
4. Allow for immediate removal of a member based on the member's inability or failure to perform their duties or misconduct; or removal upon recommendation of the Provost or the Chancellor.
5. Review and consider proposals from the general faculty body for submission to College District administration.
6. Comply with all other requirements established by applicable law and Dallas College policies and procedures.

Meetings

Meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be subject to the requirements of Texas law applicable to meetings of a faculty council or senate of an institution of higher education and conducted in accordance with all applicable policies and procedures of the College District, including, but not limited to, any bylaws, procedures or rules that may be promulgated by the Chancellor to govern the Faculty Senate.