

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Academic Affairs, Research & Student Life

ITEM: Update on the University's Compliance with Senate Bill 37 Concerning Faculty Senate

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

This item provides an update on Texas Southern University's compliance with Senate Bill ("SB") 37, enacted during the 89th Legislative Session (2025). SB 37 added Section 51.3522 to the Texas Education Code, which provides that only the governing board of an institution of higher education may establish a faculty senate and, to do so, the board must adopt a policy governing the senate's general operation, function, and selection of its members.

Under SB 37's effective-date provisions, any faculty senate established before September 1, 2025, was abolished as of that date unless it was established in the manner prescribed by Section 51.3522 or its continuation was ratified by the governing board before September 1, 2025, following a determination by the Board that the senate met the requirements of a policy adopted pursuant to Section 51.3522. Because TSU's Faculty Senate was established prior to September 1, 2025, was not established in the manner prescribed by Section 51.3522 of the Texas Education Code, and the Board, as permitted by the statute, did not exercise its statutory authority to ratify the continuation of the Faculty Senate or to adopt a policy establishing a new Faculty Senate, TSU's Faculty Senate ceased to exist by operation of law effective September 1, 2025. This presentation outlines the actions taken by the Administration since that date to implement and carry out that statutory outcome.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION: Senate Bill 37 Presentation

FISCAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

ACTION REQUESTED: Information

Legal Certification: Based on available information to date, this action item and its implementation will not be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law, or regulation.

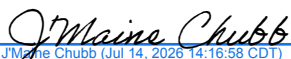


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Fiscal Certification: This fiscal note shown above details the true and actual positive or negative fiscal effect that implementation of this proposal will achieve.



J. Maine Chubb (Jul 14, 2026 14:16:58 CDT)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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James Crawford (Jul 14, 2026 20:57:19 CDT)

PRESIDENT

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