

**FACULTY SENATE**  
**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**RIO GRANDE COLLEGE**

**SPRING 2018**

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ERROR OF FACT OF RIO GRANDE  
COLLEGE BEING MISCLASSIFIED AS AN OFF-CAMPUS  
INSTRUCTIONAL SITE WHEN IN REALITY IT IS A BRANCH CAMPUS OF  
SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY AS PER SACS DEFINITIONS**

On April 30, 2018, the following resolution was unanimously passed and adopted:

The Faculty Senate of Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College reaffirms the identity of Rio Grande College as a branch campus of Sul Ross State University, citing the following as evidence:

- its permanence and stability
- its separate degree programs and course catalog
- its independent academic departments
- its body of resident faculty
- its independent faculty senate
- its distinct student body
- its independent student government association
- its geographical isolation from the Alpine campus
- its identity as an upper-level nonresidential institution, as opposed to a four-year residential institution
- its unique arrangements and carefully articulated agreements with Southwest Texas Junior College
- its separate representation at Texas State University System meetings
- its separate state funding
- its reception of federal grants

Furthermore, the Senate asserts that any description of Rio Grande College as an off-campus instructional site, or any attempt to make it appear to align with such a description, has been made without consultation with faculty, and misrepresents the institutional structure, purpose, history, and goals of Rio Grande College.