

**Senate Executive Committee Statement on Open Senate Meetings
June 17, 2005**

"During the 2004-05 academic-year, the Baylor Faculty Senate considered whether to hold open meetings. Given the poor climate on campus and a high level of distrust at the time, the majority was unwilling to agree to such a change in procedures.

The Faculty Senate's Executive Committee now unanimously believes that open Senate meetings are desirable because they would promote and facilitate healing thanks to the markedly improved atmosphere on campus and the Underwood administration's unprecedented openness and information-sharing. This fall, the Executive Committee will place before the Faculty Senate a motion to conduct Senate meetings openly, with the customary proviso that matters of an extremely sensitive nature will continue to be handled in executive session at the discretion of the chair."