

Resolution to Continue Zoom Meetings for May 2022

WHEREAS: AB 361 (Rivas) signed into law by the Governor on September 16, 2021 extends the ability of legislative bodies to meet via Zoom until January 31, 2022 and then require a vote every 30 days thereafter until January 1, 2024 to continue the Zoom meetings if a health emergency continues to exist;

WHEREAS: Kern County hospitalization fill capacities are still high in the middle of April 2022 as described at <https://data.thecalifornian.com/covid-19-hospital-capacity/california/06/kern-county/06029/> and vaccination rates in Kern County are still very low (54.5% fully vaccinated and 60.6% at least partially vaccinated);

WHEREAS: The Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards remain in effect and Higher Education institutions must follow the Cal/OSHA ETS;

WHEREAS: The Academic Senate meetings include at least 37 people in the same space, not including any guest speakers, faculty co-chairs, or other observers; and

WHEREAS: The Bakersfield College Academic Senate's next meeting will be May 4, 2022;

BE IT RESOLVED: on this April 20, 2022 date that the Bakersfield College Academic Senate continue to offer participation via Zoom for May 2022 while also offering an on-site meeting site at the Panorama and Delano campuses.