1. Opening of Meeting

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sarah Frid at exactly 4.06 pm

Procedural: 1.2 Roll Call

Present: Anjela Bavaro-Ricci, Timothy Bolin, Christopher Cardona, Derek Copple, Kim Dieu, Kevin Eoff, Jennifer Faux-Campbell, Sarah Frid, Michael Gale, Maria Gamez, Lukas Gunderson, Chaminda Hettige,, Laura Kramer, Maria Lopez, Lorenzo Lujano, Rosa Martin, Jorge Martinez, Peter Martinez, Juan (Carlos) Medina, Nidhi Patel, Sarafina Redwine, Dana Rethwisch, Gregory Snider, Paul Shibalovich, David Silva, Brian Thiebaux, June Turner, Vanja Velickovska

Absent: Michael Calabrese, Sergio Cano, Adrian Casas, Richard Castillo, Jeanette Garrett, Esmeralda Lopez, Rene Lopez-Roedel, Sandra Loureiro, Cesar Lozoya, Graciela Milke, Ilona Missakian, Scott Peterson, Juliette Singler

Action, Procedural: 1.3 Unanimous Consent

A motion was proposed for unanimous consent. Paul Shibalovich moved Luke Gunderson seconded Objections: None The motion carried

Action: 1.4 Adoption of Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda Kevin Eoff moved Paul Shibalovich seconded Objections: None The motion carried

2. Public Commentary

Procedural: 2.1 Public to Address the Senate on Agenda Items

The public (non-senators) is welcome to address the Senate about items on the agenda only. Each speaker has a time limit of five minutes. While a speaker has the floor, Senators will refrain from comments, questions, discussion, and call for action.

Pursuant to the Brown Act Government Code Section 54954.2(a): "No action or discussion shall be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that members of a legislative body or its staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by persons exercising their public testimony rights under Section 54954.3."

Public Commentary: None

3. New Business

Per AB 361: "This bill, until January 1, 2024, would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency, as that term is defined, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, during a proclaimed state of emergency held for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, and during a proclaimed state of emergency when the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees, as provided."

According to the Bill, we must vote by majority to meet virtually due to the state of emergency.

Does the Senate vote yea or nay to the following:

Palo Verde College Academic Senate finds that the March 4, 2020, declaration of a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic by Governor Gavin Newsom remains active and that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Senate and members of the public to meet safely in person, therefore, the Senate authorizes the continuation of virtual meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 for the next 30 days.

The Academic Senate voted Yes to adopt the continuance of the virtual meetings through the month of March:

June Turner moved

Carlos Medina and Jennifer Faux Campbell seconded

Objections: None

The motion was accepted by unanimous consent

4. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm by the Academic Senate president Sarah Frid