

## Special Academic Senate Meeting (Friday, January 28, 2022)

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### 1. Opening of Meeting

#### Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sarah Frid at exactly 2.00 pm

#### Procedural: 1.2 Roll Call

Present: Anjela Bavaro-Ricci, Timothy Bolin, Adrian Casas, Christopher Cardona, Richard Castillo, Derek Copple, Kim Dieu, Jennifer Faux-Campbell, Sarah Frid, Lukas Gunderson, Laura Kramer, Esmeralda Lopez, Rene Lopez-Roedel, Sandra Loureiro, Rosa Martin, Jorge Martinez, Juan (Carlos) Medina, Ilona Missakian, Nidhi Patel, Sarafina Redwine, Dana Rethwisch, Paul Shibalovich, David Silva, Juliette Singler, Brian Thieboux, June Turner, Vanja Velickovska

Absent: Michael Calabrese, Sergio Cano, Kevin Eoff, Michael Gale, Maria Gamez, Jeanette Garrett, Chaminda Hettige, Maria Lopez, Cesar Lozoya, Lorenzo Lujano, Peter Martinez, Graciela Milke, Scott Peterson, Gregory Snider

Guests: Biju Raman

#### Action, Procedural: 1.3 Unanimous Consent

A motion was proposed for unanimous consent.

Paul Shibalovich moved

Jorge Martinez and Dana Rethwisch seconded

Objections: None

The motion carried

#### Action: 1.4 Adoption of Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda

June Turner moved

Adrian Casas and Derek Copple 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 February:

Luke Gundersons moved

Paul Shibalovich seconded

Objections: None

The motion was accepted by unanimous consent

#### **4. Adjournment of Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 2.09 pm by the Academic Senate president Sarah Frid