



Foothill College Academic Senate  
Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings Pursuant  
To Brown Act Provisions Included In Assembly Bill (AB) 361 (Rivas)  
October 2021

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**WHEREAS**, the Foothill College Academic Senate is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in its meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, all meetings of Foothill-bodies, which include the Foothill Academic Senate and its autonomous subcommittee, the College Curriculum Committee, are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 54963), so that any member of the public may

and

**WHEREAS**, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and

**WHEREAS**, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are  
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disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a statewide emergency arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Board of Trustees of Foothill-De Anza Community College District officially declared a state of emergency for the district; and

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