Resolution to Continue Zoom Meetings for March 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 mid-February 2022 as described at <<u>https://data.thecalifornian.com/covid-19-hospital-capacity/california/06/kern-county/06029/</u>>

and vaccination rates in Kern County are still very low (<u>53% fully vaccinated and 59.5%</u> partially vaccinated);

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

WHEREAS: The Bakersfield College Academic Senate's next meeting will be March 2, 2022;

BE IT RESOLVED: on this February 16, 2022 date that the Bakersfield College Academic Senate continue to meet via Zoom for March 2022.