

## **Resolution to Continue Zoom Meetings for Summer 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 beginning of May 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 (54.6% fully vaccinated and 60.7% 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's last meeting of the academic year is May 4, 2022 and no meetings take place outside of the fall and spring semesters but screening committees will need to be approved during the summer recess; and

WHEREAS: Article VIII Section 1 of the Academic Senate's By-Laws states that "While the Senate (body rep.) is not in session, the Senate executive officers will provide consent for the President's nomination to screening committees";

BE IT RESOLVED: on this May 4, 2022 date that the Bakersfield College Academic Senate's executive officers will hold public meetings via Zoom in summer 2022 to approve screening committees as need arises; and

BE IT RESOLVED: The first meeting of the Academic Senate meeting in Fall 2022 will offer participation via Zoom while also offering an on-site meeting site at the Panorama and Delano campuses.