

Academic Senate President's Report

March 21, 2021

Brown Act (AB 361)

- The option to vote to keep our meetings virtual (AB 361) will expire on March 31. The State of Emergency is also expected to be lifted soon. Therefore, please be prepared to attend meetings in person beginning April 4. I had a few faculty members ask about teleconferencing under the Brown Act. The provisions are outdated and cumbersome. Here's a [link](#) to view the California Government Code 54953. Here is a brief summary:
 - Basic Provisions. The Brown Act allows a city council to use any type of teleconferencing in connection with any meeting. (Gov't Code § 54953(b).) "Teleconference" is defined as "a meeting of a individuals in different locations, connected by electronic means, through either audio or video, or both." In addition to the specific requirements relating to teleconferencing, the meeting must comply with all provisions of the law otherwise applicable. (Id.) Section 54953(b) contains the following specific requirements:
 - Teleconferencing may be used for all purposes during any meeting.
 - At least a quorum of the city council must participate from teleconferencing locations within the city's (El Cajon) jurisdiction.
 - Each teleconference location (home addresses) must be identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting.
 - Agendas must be posted at each teleconference location.
 - Each location must be accessible to the public.
 - The agenda must provide the opportunity for the public to address the legislative body directly at each teleconference location.
 - All votes must be by rollcall.

BP/AP 2005 – Student Success, Equity and Access Through Anti-Racism (copy in attachments)

- A District-wide committee was formed in Spring 2021 to review BP/AP 2005. Members included Senate Presidents, Equity Dean, Classified Senate, Research Analysts, and administrators.
- After extensive review and revision, BP/AP 2005 were forwarded to the Governing Board Ad hoc committee on DEI in Fall 2021. They made additional revisions and forwarded to constituency groups.
- The Academic Senate committee on equity (JEDI) and SOC have reviewed it.

- It is being presented to Academic Senate as an information item. Any feedback should be forwarded to the Academic Senate President.
- After final reviews, BP/AP 2005 will go to the Governing Board for voting.