



ACADEMIC SENATE FACULTY AWARDS COMMITTEE

**SPECIAL MEETING
7:50 A.M. – FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 5, 2021**

LOCATION:

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Persons Wishing to Address the Committee

Members of the public shall have an opportunity to address the committee either before or during the committee's consideration of each item of business to be discussed at regular or special committee meetings, including closed session items. In addition, with limited exceptions, the committee will provide an opportunity at regular meetings to address the committee on any other item of interest which is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Academic Senate. In order to efficiently manage the business of the committee, the committee chair may limit the amount of time allocated for public testimony for each individual speaker to three (3) minutes, and to limit the total time allocated on a particular issue to fifteen (15), unless waived by the committee (pursuant to Board Policy 2345). Decorum is to be expected by all members of the committee and public as outlined in Board Policy 2355.

IV. New Business

A. Teleconferencing for Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

Description: Given the passage of AB 361 and the MiraCosta Academic Senate's approval of a resolution (attached) supporting continued online meetings, the Academic Senate Faculty Awards Committee will consider approving continuing to hold their meetings online, following the rationale provided in the AS resolution. If the committee does not approve a motion to support teleconferencing for meetings, the regular meeting will be postponed to a future meeting scheduled with in-person attendance for voting members.

V. Adjournment

An executive order issued on 3-18-20 by the Governor of California indicated that the requirements for having a physical space for meetings has been waived due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Further, the passage of AB 361 allows for the continuance of conducting meetings remotely. Therefore, meetings may continue to be held remotely until further notice. The public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. A link for remote viewing or calling in is attached to the agenda. Therefore, Academic Senate Faculty Awards Committee meetings will be held via Zoom. If you wish to attend the meeting and you have another disability requiring special accommodations, please notify the Faculty Awards Committee Chair, Robin Allyn at rallyn@miracosta.edu. The California Relay Service (CRS) is available by dialing 711, or 1-800-735-2929 or 1-800-735-2922.

In compliance with Government Code section 54957.5, nonexempt writings that are distributed to a majority or all of the MiraCosta Community College District Faculty Awards committee in advance of their meetings may be viewed at the Office of the Academic Senate President, One Barnard Drive, Oceanside, California, or by clicking on the Awards Committee website at <http://www.miracosta.edu/governance/awards-committee/>. Such writings will also be available at the Awards Committee meeting. In addition, if you would like a copy of any record related to an item on the agenda, please contact Robin Allyn, Awards Committee Chair, by email at rallyn@miracosta.edu.

**A Resolution of the MiraCosta College Academic Senate:
Authorizing Teleconferencing for Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 (R. 2-21)**

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

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Brown Act pertaining to teleconferenced meetings; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 which indicated that Executive Order N-29-20's authorization for holding virtual meetings would expire on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed AB 361 (Rivas) as urgency legislation effective immediately, which provides that legislative bodies may continue to meet remotely during a declared State of Emergency subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 amends the Brown Act (Government Code section 54953) to add the following provision:
(e)(1) A local agency may use teleconferencing without complying with the requirements of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) if the legislative body complies with the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subdivision in any of the following circumstances:
(B) The legislative body holds a meeting during a proclaimed state of emergency for the purpose of determining, by majority vote, whether as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, AB 361 amends the Brown Act (Government Code section 54953) to add the following provision:
(e)(3) If a state of emergency remains active, or state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, in order to continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), the legislative body shall, not later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time pursuant to subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1), and every 30 days thereafter, make the following findings by majority vote:
(A) The legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency.
(B) Any of the following circumstances exist:
(i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the MiraCosta College Academic Senate finds that the Governor's March 4, 2020 declaration of a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic remains active.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the MiraCosta College Academic Senate finds that due to the state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees and/or the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person due to the prevalence of the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus, the indoor setting of meeting facilities, the potential presence of unvaccinated individuals attending meetings, the potential for noncompliance with mask wearing requirements, and desire to protect the health of immuno-compromised faculty, staff, students, and the public.