

# ORANGE COAST COLLEGE

Academic Senate Meeting | 10/12/21 | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Zoom Meeting

Guests (Optional & Voluntary Sign-In): Arabian Morgan, Michelle Grimes-Hillman, Melissa Archibald, Anna Hanlon, Nathan Jensen, Jaki Kamphuis, Kate McCarroll, Steve Tamanaha, Laura Reese, Jeanette Grimm, Renee DeLong.

## 1. Preliminary Matters

A. Call to Order: President Lee Gordon called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M.

Motion 1: Parliamentarian Arismendi-Pardi moved to move New Business to the top of the agenda for discussion; motion seconded; motion approved.

## 2. New Business

A. Remote Teleconference Meetings Resolution - President Gordon: Presented the Remote Teleconference Meeting Resolution. He explained that the language was provided by Golden West College Academic Senate colleagues. This document might help in the event that someone was to question the holding of remote meetings in lieu of the Brown Act. If the language is included in the minutes of the meetings monthly, the Senate would have a layer of protection.

Motion 2: Vice President Drew moved to approve the Remote Teleconference Meetings Resolution; motion seconded; motion approved.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF ORANGE COAST COLLEGE  
REAFFIRMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE**

**AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE  
TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE ACADEMIC  
SENATE OF ORANGE COAST COLLEGE FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2021  
THROUGH NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2021 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Senate of Orange Coast College is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Academic Senate of Orange Coast College; and

**WHEREAS**

required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend,

**WHEREAS**, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing 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 within the Academic Senate of Orange Coast echnological, or human-caused 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**, such conditions now exist in the District, specifically, a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic has been proclaimed by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**

2021) recommends continued social distancing for vulnerable populations and our governing bodies may consist of members who are particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus, and meeting remotely continues to maintain minimal social interactions to further minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Senate of Orange Coast College does hereby find the COVID-19 pandemic and lack of social distancing has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the college that are likely to be beyond the control of services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the college, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California and reaffirm the recommendations of the Orange County Health Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Academic Senate of Orange Coast College does hereby find that its legislative bodies shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

**WHEREAS**, all agendas will continue to be posted publicly at campus locations and online, members of the public will be allowed to join meetings and participate via Zoom, and all parts of the Brown Act will be complied with.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE ACADEMIC SENATE OF ORANGE COAST COLLEGE DOES HEREBY  
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

**Section 2. Reaffirmation of Local Emergency.** The Academic Senate of Orange Coast College hereby reaffirms that a local emergency now exists thro

vulnerable populations and our governing bodies may consist of members who are particularly vulnerable to the coronavirus, and meeting remotely continues to maintain minimal social interactions to further minimize potential exposure to the coronavirus.

**Section 3.**









Senator Alabi: Shared that a student woke up at 1 AM in Korea to attend her office hours. It is difficult for that student to participate in their group because they are in Korea. She wanted to share with her colleagues so that they could share with their divisions that they have students all around the world taking classes. She gives group assignments and provides office hours but never thought that a student may have to wake up at 1 AM to try to meet with her.

Senator Kennedy: Stated that October is National Disability/Employment Awareness Month. According to Biden, it is a " chance to recommit ourselves to dismantling barriers



## 5. Adjournment of the Regular Meeting

President Gordon adjourned the

