

County Community College
Michael J. Grant Campus

Academic Assembly

**Resolution 2021-02 [24]**

**Amending the Assembly Constitution**

**To Allow Remote Access to Sessions**

**Whereas** the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020-2021 occasioned the successful adoption of electronic conferencing for Assembly meetings, and

**Whereas** electronic remote voting proved reliable, and

**Whereas** electronic conferencing may allow for greater participation in Assembly meetings, and

**Whereas** electronic conferencing may facilitate College-wide presentations and inter-campus conversations, therefore be it

**Resolved** that ***Article V – Sessions*** of the Academic Assembly Constitution is amended as follows:

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**Section 4** A quorum for Assembly sessions shall consist of thirty percent (30%) plus one (1) of the voting members of the Assembly.

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and

**Section 6** Voting on resolutions and elections is conducted via secret ballot, utilizing clicker technology. (In the event of a technical difficulty, the Secretary shall facilitate an alternative means of voting.) When the resolution or election vote is called, the Chairperson announces the voting is open. Members of the Assembly vote on the clicker. The Chairperson announces when the voting is closed. Results of votes on resolutions, including the vote tally, are announced immediately following the vote. The winners of elections are announced immediately following the vote; however, the vote tallies for elections are not publically announced at the meeting, but are recorded in the minutes.

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 Passed [38-4-0] at April 27, 2021 Assembly meeting