Distance Education Meetings – Impact of Brown Act Rules

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First Read Proposal:

Resolved:  To make the DE committee a non-Brown Act group\*

\*Note:  This would need to be done by declaring the DE group as a task force rather than a standing committee.

Relevant Law:

BROWN ACT SECTION 54952.  As used in this chapter, “legislative body” means:

(a) The governing body of a local agency or any other local body created by state or federal statute.

(b) A commission, committee, board, or other body of a local agency, whether permanent or temporary, decision-making or advisory, created by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body. However, advisory committees, composed solely of the members of the legislative body that are less than a quorum of the legislative body are not legislative bodies, except that standing committees of a legislative body, irrespective of their composition, which have a continuing subject matter jurisdiction, or a meeting schedule fixed by charter, ordinance, resolution, or formal action of a legislative body are legislative bodies for purposes of this chapter.

\*Note:  Academic senate, curriculum committee and the district governing board are explicitly defined as “legislative bodies” in California law.