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BOARD OF REGENTS

1 LAWS OF THE REGENTS

3 ARTICLE 1: UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO LEGAL ORIGIN, MISSION, AND ETHICAL 4 CONDUCT

6 Part A: Establishment and Location

8 1.A.1 Constitution of 1876

10 The University of Colorado was originally established as a territorial university by act of
11 the Council and House of Representatives of the Colorado Territory on November 7,
12 1861. Upon Colorado's admission to the Union in 1876, the Constitution of the State of
13 Colorado declared the territorial institution of the "University at Boulder" to be an
14 institution of the State.

15 [See section 5 of article VIII of the State Constitution.]

17 1.A.2 Constitutional Amendments of 1923

18 Section 5 of article VIII of the State Constitution was amended in 1923 to authorize the
19 regents of the University to operate all or any part of the departments of medicine,
20 dentistry, and pharmacy at Denver. Also, nothing in section 5 was to be construed to
21 prevent the University or other state educational institutions from giving temporary
22 lecture courses in any part of the state, or conducting class excursions for the purpose of
23 investigation and study.

26 1.A.3 Constitutional Amendments of 1972

27 In 1972, section 5 of article VIII of the State Constitution was further amended to:

- 28 (A) describe the University as being "at Boulder, Colorado Springs, and Denver";
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- 30 (B) extend the ~~Health Sciences Center-University of Colorado~~ [Anschutz Medical](#)
31 [Campus](#) provision to include all or any part of the schools of medicine, dentistry,
32 nursing, and pharmacy of the University, together with hospitals and supporting
33 facilities and programs related to health, ~~at Denver~~; and
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- 35 (C) make clear nothing in section 5 was to be construed to prevent any state
36 institution of higher education, with prior approval of the General Assembly, from
37 "establishing, maintaining, and conducting or discontinuing centers, medical
38 centers, or branches in any part of the state."
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Part B: Establishment of University Campuses

1.B.4A.4 Location and Administration of Four Campuses

~~(A) In 1974, the Board of Regents enacted a new administrative structure for the University.~~

~~(B) The University of Colorado shall consist of a president's office and four campuses, each of which shall be headed by a chancellor. The campuses shall operate at several principal sites located and referred to as follows:~~

- ~~(1) at Boulder, "the University of Colorado at Boulder";~~
- ~~(2) at Colorado Springs, "the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs";~~
- ~~(3) at Denver, "the University of Colorado at Denver";~~
- ~~(4) at Aurora and/or Denver, "the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center." "University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus."~~

Part CB: Mission of the University of Colorado

The University of Colorado is a public research university with multiple campuses serving Colorado, the nation, and the world through leadership in high-quality education and professional training, public service, advancing research and knowledge, and state-of-the-art health care.

Each campus has a distinct role and mission as provided by Colorado law.

Part C: University of Colorado Policy Framework

The University of Colorado promulgates a structure for describing and ranking the law and policies applicable to the university community. The structure (see Exhibit 1) represents the hierarchy of University of Colorado policy documents in order of precedence (1 – 8). To the extent that any document lower in the hierarchy is inconsistent with a higher document, the higher document prevails.

(1) The University of Colorado is a public entity recognized in the Colorado Constitution. As a public entity, the Regents of the University of Colorado and the University of Colorado are subject to the requirements of the United States Constitution and applicable federal laws as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The University of Colorado is subject to the requirements of the Colorado Constitution and laws enacted by Colorado’s General Assembly as interpreted by the Colorado Supreme Court and Colorado Court of Appeals. In construing laws enacted by the General Assembly, the University of Colorado shall be guided by the principle that any such legislation operates to divest the Regents of the University of Colorado of the constitutional grant of supervision and control of the university only when the legislation demonstrates a clear legislative intent to displace the regentsBoard of Regents’ presumptive authority to govern the University of Colorado.

88 (2) The Laws of the Regents are the highest source of authority within the University of
89 Colorado,- establish how the University of Colorado is organized and governed, and are
90 binding upon the Regents of the University of Colorado and the university community.

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92 (3) Regent Policies are enacted by the Regents of the University of Colorado to
93 operationalize the Laws of the Regents, direct the operation of functions for which the
94 Board of Regents retains ultimate responsibility, and delegate authority to officers of the
95 university and the administration.

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97 (4) University wide Administrative Policy Statements are enacted by the president of the
98 university in accordance with defined processes to provide operational requirements to
99 the entire university community and delegate authority to officers of the university and
100 the administration.

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102 (5) University-wide procedure statements include detailed information on rules and how to
103 complete specific tasks within functional areas, including but not limited to: finance,
104 procurement, human resources, risk management and university relations.

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106 (6) The Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws provides a system for participation of
107 faculty in the governance of the university as specified in the Laws of the Regents of the
108 University of Colorado, which enumerate the rights, privileges and responsibilities of the
109 faculty.

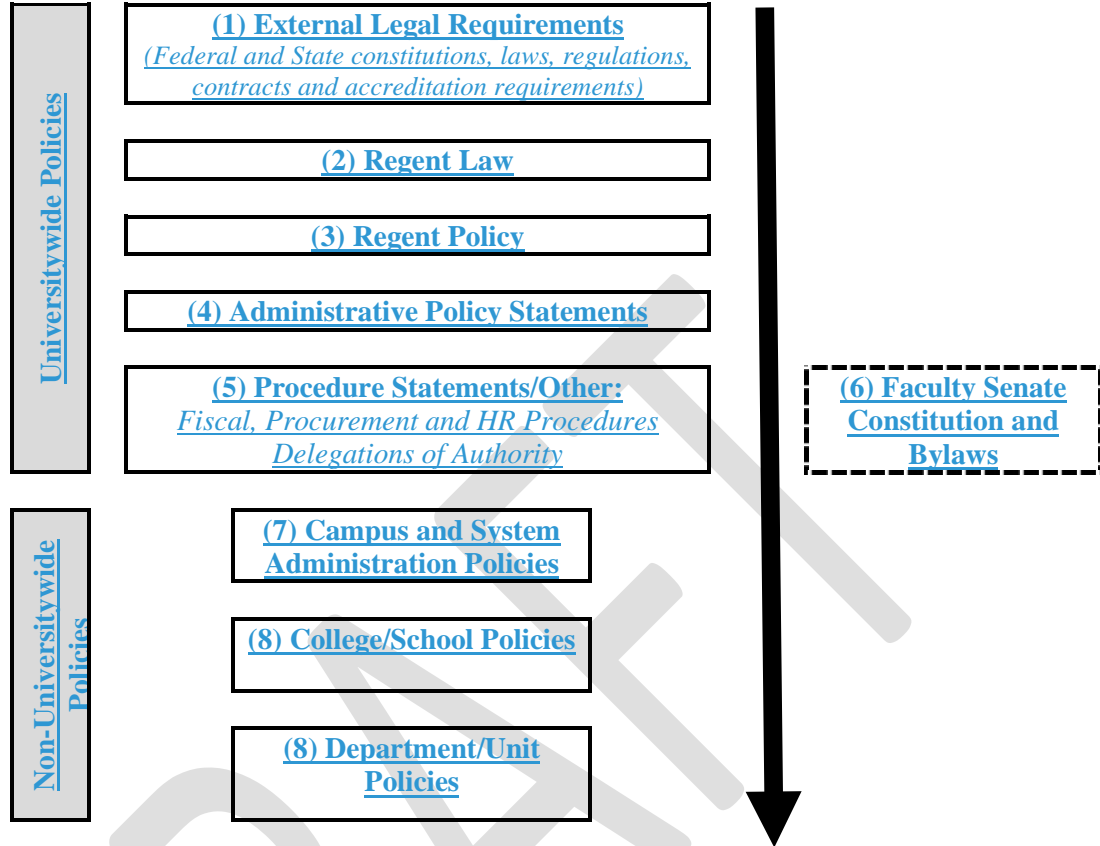
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111 (7) System administration policies are enacted by the president of the university in
112 accordance with defined processes to provide operational requirements to the members of
113 the university community of the system administration and to delegate authority to
114 officers of the system administration.

115 Campus wide policies are enacted by the chancellor of a University of Colorado campus
116 in accordance with defined processes to provide operational requirements to the members
117 of the university community of the campus and to delegate authority to officers of the
118 campus administration.

119 (8) Unit policies are enacted by departments, divisions, schools, colleges, institutes, or
120 programs and do not have university-wide or campus-wide application.

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Exhibit 1: University Policy Framework and Hierarchy



Part D: Ethical Conduct of University of Colorado Employees

In pursuing the mission of the University of Colorado, all members of the university community are responsible for understanding and upholding the highest standards of legal and ethical conduct. The Board of Regents' policies and related university policies describe principles of ethical behavior that articulate a basic ethical framework for the decisions, actions and behavior of all University of Colorado employees. These "Principles of Ethical Behavior" (Board of Regents' Policy 1.C) and the university's Code of Conduct (Administrative Policy Statement 2027) define the underlying expectations for the conduct and activities of university employees.

History:

- Amended February 11, 2010;
- Last revised January 22, 1998.