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BOARD OF REGENTS

1 **LAWS OF THE REGENTS**

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3 **ARTICLE 4: ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM PLANNING**

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5 **Part A: Academic Units**

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7 The Board of Regents shall approve the formation or discontinuance of academic units. For the
8 purposes of Regent Laws and Policies, academic units are considered to be schools, colleges,
9 and departments that roster tenured and/or tenure track faculty and offer at least one degree
10 program.

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12 A school or college shall be administered by a [dean](#), who, except in extraordinary
13 circumstances and with the recommendation of the provost and approval of the chancellor, shall
14 be a tenured full professor.

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16 **Part B: Degree Programs and Other Credentials**

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18 The Board of Regents shall approve the creation and discontinuance of degree programs. A
19 degree program is a course of study leading to a degree at the bachelor's, master's, or doctoral
20 level and may only be offered by an academic unit or a program within an academic unit.
21 A complete record of the academic degrees approved by the Board of Regents shall be
22 maintained in the [CU System Office of Academic Affairs-president's office](#).

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24 When specified by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, other credentials shall also
25 require Board of Regents approval. The Board of Regents delegates to the chancellors the
26 discontinuance of other Regent-approved credentials.

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28 Upon the recommendation of the faculty of a school or college, the Board of Regents shall
29 award the appropriate academic degrees to students who have successfully completed an
30 approved course of study. Only the Board of Regents has the right to revoke a degree.

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33 **History:**

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- 35 • Amended May 20, 1993; October 20, 1994; December 16, 1993; February 19, 1998;
August 3, 2000; September 5, 2002; June 22, 2009.
 - 36 • Adopted as Article 4: Academic Organization and Program Planning, June 15, 2017, was
37 not effective until related administrative policy statements were approved on January 1,
38 2018.
 - 39 • Last reviewed January 1, 2018.
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