



TO: Regent Laws and Policies Stakeholders

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RE: Formal Review of Regent Article 4: Academic Organization and Program Planning (Part A: Academic Units; Part B: Degree Programs and Other Credentials); Policy 4.A: Administration and Governance of Academic Units; and Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability | **Feedback due by February 14, 2025**

Proposed Revision to Regent Policies

In May 2024, the Regent Governance Committee approved a five-year schedule for the continuing formal review of all regent laws and policies. The regent laws and policies listed below will be under review by the regents in Spring of 2025 and are posted now for review by stakeholders, who have the opportunity to provide initial feedback by February 14, 2025. After that date, all feedback on these laws and policies will be reviewed and any changes will be incorporated into updated versions, which will be posted again for additional feedback.

To send in your comments, open each “draft” policy document on the [regent law and policy website](#). Click on the feedback link in the top right corner, then complete the feedback form. We welcome and appreciate all suggestions.

Article 4: Academic Organization and Program Planning

This law was last reviewed and affirmed by the Regents in January 2018.

Part A: Academic Units

- Minor edit is proposed to correct capitalization error.

Part B: Degree Programs and Other Credentials

- Minor edit is proposed to clarify that records of degree program approvals by the Board of Regents be maintained by the System Office of Academic Affairs rather than the Office of the President.

Policy 4.A: Administration and Governance of Academic Units

This policy was last reviewed and affirmed by the Regents in January 2018.

- Proposed edit to wording in section 4.A.1, line 13 is to acknowledge that deans make decisions as well as recommendations on personnel actions
- Proposed edits to section 4.A.1, lines 23 and 24 are to clarify that tenured and tenure-track faculty have the responsibility of determining the faculty voting process and participation in a school or college.

Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability

This policy was last reviewed and affirmed by the Regents in January 2018.

- Proposed updates include the addition of references to specific APSs that are connected to sections 4.B.3, 4.B.4, and 4.B.6 of this policy.
- In compliance with *HB22-1049 – Prohibiting Transcript and Diploma Withholding*, the clause in section 4.B.5 of this policy that allowed withholding of academic transcripts for failure to meet financial obligations to the university has been removed.