



TO: Regent Laws and Policies Stakeholders
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Maureen Durkin, Director of Academic Program and Policy Analysis
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RE: Formal Review of Regent Article 7: Students (Part A: Admissions; Part B: Standards of Conduct; Part C: Academic Freedom; Part D: Student Government); Regent Policy 7.A: Admissions; Regent Policy 7.B: Standards of Conduct; Regent Policy 7.C: Academic Freedom; and Regent Policy 7.D: Student Government | **Feedback due by March 3, 2024, close of business**

Regent Law and Policy Revision Process

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. A first round of feedback on these policy drafts was accepted through December 10, 2024. All comments were reviewed, considered, and in some cases additional edits were incorporated in the currently posted Version 1 drafts.

The Version 1 drafts will be on the Regents Governance Committee agenda on January 23, 2024. No formal action on the policy will occur at that time. Stakeholders may send additional feedback until the close of business on March 3, 2024. To send in your comments, open each policy document labeled “Version 1” 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 7: Students

This law was last reviewed and affirmed by the Regents in September 2018. Proposed updates include:

Part A: Admissions

- Minor edits are proposed to remove several unnecessary words in sections 7.A.1 and 7.A.2.

Part B: Standards of Conduct

- No proposed updates.

Part C: Academic Freedom

- Added “creative work” so that section 7.C.1 includes the full phrase “scholarly and creative work.”
- In section 7.C.1, reference to “course/credit-based” scholarly and creative work is added to further clarify that this type of course-focused context is where students have academic freedom.
- Slightly reorganized section 7.C.1 for clarity, making the previous section 7.C.2 into section 7.C.1(A).
- Reference to the related regent policy on academic freedom is added in section 7.C.1, along with minor wording updates for clarity in sections 7.C.1(A) and 7.C.2.

Part D: Student Government

- No proposed updates.

Policy 7.A: Admissions

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

- In section 7.A.1(B), reference to Regent Article 5.A.2(A) was added to help clarify that the faculty shared governance body on each campus decides which faculty participate in collaborating with administration in formulating admission criteria. There is also an edit in this section to ensure correct reference to regent policy 5.A.1(B)(1).

Policy 7.B: Standards of Conduct

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

- Minor edits are proposed in section 7.B.1(A) to ensure consistent language with Regent Article 7.D.1 and Regent Policy 7.D.2 (i.e., reference should be to student government “organization” instead of “group”).
- Proposed new section 7.B.1(A)(i) are to include reference to other parts of regent law and policy that are focused on standards of conduct.

Policy 7.C: Academic Freedom

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

- Minor edits are proposed for clarity of wording (sections 7.C.1(A); 7.C.1(D); and 7.C.2(B)).

Policy 7.D: Student Government

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

- The title of section 7.D.1 is updated from “Governing Documents” to “The Student Government Constitution” because the entire section is about the constitution.
- Section 7.D.1(A) has minor wording updates to reiterate the requirement in Article 7.D.2 that requires student government organizations to have a constitution.
- Section 7.D.1(A) and (B) are renumbered to be 7.D.1(A)(1) and 7.D.1(A)(2) as part of restructuring 7.D.1 for clarity.
- The sentence about the approval process for the constitution in Section 7.D.1(A)(1) is rephrased for clarity.
- Minor edit in section 7.D.2(A) is included to clarify that “campus” administration works with campus student government organizations to develop appropriate operating agreements.