



TO: Regents Governance Committee

FROM: Regent Lesley Smith

DATE: August 22, 2024

RE: Proposed Amendments to Regent Law and Policy: Two Year Chair and Vice Chair Terms and Committee Appointments

This item proposes amending Regent Law 2.A.5 and Regent Policy 2.C.1 to extend chair and vice chair terms, as well as committee appointments, from one year to two years.

State law requires the Board of Regents to “select from among its members a chair, who shall conduct the meetings of the board, and a vice chair, who shall assume the duties of the chair in the chair’s absence.” See Regent Law 2.A.5(A). State law does not prescribe frequency of chair or vice chair elections, or committee appointments.

Currently, Regent Law 2.A.5 requires annual board chair and vice chair elections. Likewise, Regent Policy 2.C.1 requires annual regent standing committee chair (and optional vice chair) appointments and regent standing committee member appointments.

This item proposes extending chair and vice chair terms, and committee appointments, to two years. Greater continuity in service would lead to more productive chair and vice chair terms and greater institutional knowledge within committees. It would also reduce the strain of more frequent transitions.

Under Regent Policy 2.N, these proposed changes will be discussed by the Governance Committee on August 22, 2024; will receive notice of motion at the September 12-13, 2024, board meeting; and will be further discussed by the Governance Committee at its October 24, 2024, meeting. Accordingly, the proposed changes could be considered by the board at the November 7-8, 2024, Board of Regents meeting. **The change to Regent Law 2.A.5, regarding board officers, would require a two-thirds vote to pass. The change to Regent Policy 2.C.1, regarding committee officers, would only require a majority vote.**