



TO: Regent Laws & Policies Stakeholders
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RE: Regent Policy 2D

Reason for Proposed Action

The Regents University Affairs Committee, together with four faculty members from the Faculty Council Educational Policy and University Standards Committee form the Regent Awards Selection Committee. This committee is charged with the consideration of nominations for the three categories of Regent Awards: Honorary Degree, University Medal, and Distinguished Service Award.

The Regents Awards Selection Committee met on October 7, 2022, and the Regents University Affairs members took this opportunity to discuss potential changes to the Regent Awards process, which would require revisions to Regent Policy 2D. The University Affairs committee discussed changes in more detail at a regular meeting of the committee on October 25, 2022.

The recommended changes to Regent Policy 2D are in five areas:

1. Clarify roles and responsibilities assigned to the Regents Awards Canvassing Committee (currently named the Chancellor's Canvassing Committee).
2. Nominations will only be accepted through the online nomination form maintained by the Office of the Board of Regents.
3. Each canvassing committee, based on their evaluation of a nomination, is authorized to recommend a more appropriate award category than that of the original nomination. Additionally, the Regents Awards Selection Committee is authorized to recommend a different award category than that of the recommendation from a canvassing committee.
4. Members of a canvassing committee who submit a nomination or provide a letter of support for an individual being considered by the committee must recuse themselves from commenting and voting on that nomination. Additionally, members of the Regents Awards Selection Committee who submit a nomination or provide a letter of support for a nomination must recuse themselves from commenting and voting on that nomination.
5. Appendix to policy which
 - a. outlines user-experience requirements for the online nomination form maintained by the Office of the Board of Regents, and
 - b. details Campus Canvassing Committee reconciliation if a nomination is received by multiple campuses.