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Highlighted text denotes additional changes from the previous draft.

### 4. ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAM PLANNING

#### Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability

##### 4.B.1 Academic Program Review

Review of all degree programs shall be conducted at least once every seven years within an established timetable. As appropriate, professional accreditation processes may be used to meet some, or all, program review requirements. Professional accreditation processes may require adjustments to the seven-year time period. The Board shall receive an annual report on program review activities and, where appropriate, recommendations for Board action.

##### 4.B.2 Notification of Accreditation Status Change

The president and chancellors shall notify the Board of Regents of any change in the status of institutional accreditation or a change to the accreditation status of a degree program, department, or other unit that results in probation or loss of accreditation.

##### 4.B.3 Proposals for Academic Units, Degree Programs, and Other Credentials

Each campus shall have processes for the development of proposals for new academic units, new degree programs, and other credentials that are consistent with the ~~respective corresponding~~ Administrative Policy Statement ([APS 1041: Approval of Academic Units](#); [APS 1038: New Degree Program Approval](#); and [APS 1040: Gainful Employment Certificate Approval](#)).

Each campus shall have a process for name changes of academic units or degree programs. Name changes shall be approved by the Chancellor and communicated to the Board of Regents through the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

##### 4.B.4 Academic Unit and Degree Program Discontinuance

Upon recommendation by the chancellor, the Board of Regents may discontinue a regent approved academic unit or degree program for educational, strategic realignment, resource allocation, or financial reasons, or a combination of these reasons.

A recommendation to discontinue an academic unit or degree program shall only be reached after made in collaboration with the faculty and administration of the degree program or academic unit, and the provost, have engaged to address specific challenges to the program or academic unit.

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45 Each campus shall have processes for the discontinuance of academic units or degree  
46 programs that are consistent with those provided in the corresponding Administrative  
47 Policy Statement [1015: Implementing Academic Unit or Degree Program](#)  
48 [Discontinuance](#).

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50 Upon a decision by the Board of Regents to discontinue a degree program, every  
51 reasonable effort will be made to allow students to complete their degrees. Termination  
52 of appointments of tenured or tenure track faculty that occur as the result of formal  
53 discontinuance of an academic unit or degree program shall follow procedures detailed  
54 in Policy 5.F: Termination of Faculty Appointments Following Program Discontinuance.

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56 4.B.5 Records of Degree Completions

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58 The campus registrars shall maintain the official records of the candidates to whom  
59 degrees are awarded.

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61 ~~The conferring of degrees and the issuance of academic transcripts may be withheld~~  
62 ~~for failure to meet financial obligations to the university.~~

**Commented [MD1]:** This clause was struck due to a change in state statute. [HB22-1049 Prohibiting Transcript and Diploma Withholding](#)

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64 4.B.6 Degree Revocation

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66 Upon recommendation of the faculty and the chancellor, the Board of Regents may  
67 revoke a degree if it is discovered that degree requirements were not satisfied due to  
68 academic misconduct or administrative error. Procedures for revoking a degree shall  
69 be consistent with the corresponding Administrative Policy Statement [1039: Degree](#)  
70 [Revocation](#).

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73 **History:**

- 74 • Adopted: As Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability, June 15, 2017, but did not  
75 become effective until the related administrative policy statements (APSs) were  
76 implemented on January 1, 2018.
    - 77 ○ NOTE: Policy 4.A and 4.B were the result of significant changes to both the structure  
78 and content of the previous versions of Article 4, Policy 4 and related policies.
  - 79 • Revised: July 1, 2020, non-substantive changes made to section 4.B.4 to replace  
80 "terminate" with "discontinue" and updated old reference to Appendix 4.1 to Regent Policy  
81 5.F after Appendix 4.1 was rescinded and policy statements previously stated in Appendix  
82 4.1 were incorporated into Regent Policy 5.F.
  - 83 • Last Reviewed: January 1, 2018.
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