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TO: Regent Laws and Policies Stakeholders

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DATE: March 10, 2025

RE: Formal Review of Regent Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability |
Feedback due by April 24, 2025

Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability

In May 2024, the Regent Governance Committee approved a five-year schedule for the continuing formal review of all regent laws and policies. As part of this process, **Regent Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability** is currently under review.

The initial draft of Policy 4.B posted as “Draft 0” on the [Regent Law and Policy Review website](#) included proposed updates to reference several associated APSs and also to remove language due to a change in statute. Details are summarized below. This draft was posted for stakeholder feedback last Fall. All comments received through a deadline of February 14, 2025, were reviewed and considered. Additional proposed updates are incorporated in “Draft 1” now posted for further feedback through April 24, 2025. Draft 1 is on the agenda for first discussion at the Regents Governance Committee on March 25, 2025.

To send in comments, from the Regent Law and Policy website, click on Draft 1 of “Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability” to review the document. Then click on the feedback link in the top right corner and complete the feedback form. We welcome and appreciate all suggestions.

Policy 4.B was last reviewed and affirmed by the regents in January 2018. Proposed updates include the following:

- 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.
- An edit is proposed in Section 4.B.4 to clarify faculty, administration, and provost engagement in the recommendation process related to discontinuing an academic unit or degree program, and the importance of having the opportunity to address particular challenges to the program as part of that process.
- 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.