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TO: Regent Laws & Policies Stakeholders  
FROM: Michael Lightner, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
DATE: March 7, 2017  
RE: Recommended Changes to Article 9

The current recommendation is to eliminate Part A of article 9, moving needed elements to Article 4 or related policy. This is reflected in the current drafts of Article 9 and Article 4. Specifically, we suggest the following:

**Part A: Degrees**

- Move statement in subsection 9.A.1(A) requiring the President's Office to maintain a list of approved degrees to Article 4 (draft Article 4, Part B).
- Move 9.A.1(B), which affirms that the Board of Regents awards degrees upon recommendation of the faculty, to Article 4 (draft Article 4, Part B).
- Create a new policy in section 4 relating to degree records (draft policy 4.B.5).
  - Move 9.A.1(C) which requires the campus registrars maintain official records of degrees awarded.
  - Move 9.A.2, which states that transcripts may be withheld due to failure to meet financial obligations.

Justification: The recommended changes will consolidate into one section of law and policy all statements related to degree program approvals, the awarding of degrees, and records of degrees awarded.

The future recommendation will be to eliminate Article 9 from Regent Laws and Policies with Part B and Part C to be moved to other articles or related policies. Until those changes are reviewed and approved, Article 9 will remain with the proposed changes.

These recommendations will be considered by the Regents Laws and Policies committee on **March 20, 2017**. The final draft is available on the [public website](#).

**UPDATE: This article is up for final approval at the June, 2017 Board of Regents meeting.**