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TO: Regent Laws and Policies Stakeholders
FROM: Jeremy Hueth, Vice President, University Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Regents
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RE: Recommended Changes to *Regent Law 2: The Regents of the University of Colorado* and *Regent Policy 2.C.: Regent Committees* regarding timing of elections and committee assignments

Background

The Governance Committee considered several proposals for changes to Regent Law and Policy that governs chair/vice chair elections and committee assignments. The discussion focused on the following topics:

- 1) Change the timing of the elections of chair/vice chair to coincide with the election cycle rather than the fiscal year;
- 2) Change the timing of committee assignments to coincide with the election cycle rather than the fiscal year;
- 3) Extend the term of office for chair/vice chair to two-year terms instead of one-year terms;
- 4) Extend the term of committee assignments to two years instead of one year.

When Chair/Vice Chair Elections and Committee Appointments Occur

Regent Law requires the Board of Regents to annually elect a chair and vice chair. Regent Policy outlines the process for appointing chairs and vice chairs of regent standing committees and for appointing regents to serve on the committees. The timing of the chair and vice chair elections, the appointing of committee chairs, and the assignment of regents to committees have been aligned with the start and end of the fiscal year.

The proposed changes to Regent Law 2.A.5. and Regent Policy 2.C.1. align the election of chair and vice chair, appointment of committee chairs, and assignment of committees with the swearing-in of new regents at the beginning of the calendar year instead of the fiscal year. The Governance Committee voted 3-1 to recommend this proposed change to the board.

Proposed changes regarding the timing of chair/vice chair elections and committee appointments are **shown in red below in the existing policy and law.**

Recommendations for Regent Law 2.A.5.: Chair and Vice Chair

- “The chair and vice chair shall be elected annually at the *last regularly scheduled board meeting of each fiscal year*” is changed to read “elected annually at the *first regularly scheduled board meeting of each calendar year*.”

Recommendations for Regent Policy 2.C.1.

- The phrase “last regularly scheduled board meeting of each fiscal year” is changed to “first regularly scheduled board meeting of each calendar year”.
- The phrase first regularly scheduled board meeting of the next fiscal year” is changed to “second regularly scheduled board meeting of the calendar year”.

Extend Length of Terms

The Governance Committee discussed proposed changes to Regent Law 2.A.5. and Regent Policy 2.C.1. to set two-year terms for the chair and vice chair. Terms for committee assignments, including committee chairs and vice chairs, would also be extended to two years. The Governance Committee was split on whether to recommend that the board extend terms to two years. **The language that would be changed if two-year terms are chosen is highlighted below** in the existing policy and law.

Recommendations for Regent Law 2.A.5.: Chair and Vice Chair re: Length of Terms

- “The chair and vice chair shall be elected annually at the last regularly scheduled board meeting of each fiscal year” is changed to read “elected biennially at the first regularly scheduled board meeting of each odd-numbered calendar year.”

Recommendations for Regent Policy 2.C.1. re: Length of Terms

- The phrase “last regularly scheduled board meeting of each fiscal year” is changed to “first regularly scheduled board meeting of each calendar year”.
- The phrase first regularly scheduled board meeting of the next fiscal year” is changed to “second regularly scheduled board meeting of the calendar year”.