



**TO:** Regent Laws and Policies Stakeholders

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**RE:** Formal Review of Regent Article 4: Academic Organization and Program Planning  
(Part A: Academic Units; Part B: Degree Programs and Other Credentials)

#### Article 4: Academic Organization and Program Planning

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 Article 4: Academic Organization and Program Planning** is currently under review.

The initial draft of Article 4 posted as Draft 0 on the [Regent Law and Policy Review website](#) included minor proposed updates from the administration. This draft was posted for stakeholder feedback last Fall. All comments received through a deadline of February 14, 2025, were reviewed and considered. Some additional suggested updates were incorporated in Draft 1 and posted for further feedback accepted through April 24, 2025. No additional feedback was received. Draft 1 is on the agenda for second discussion at the Regents Governance Committee on May 15, 2025.

To send in comments, from the Regent Law and Policy website, click on Draft 1 of “Article 4: Academic Organization and Program Planning” 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.

Article 4 was last reviewed and affirmed by the regents in January 2018.

##### Part A: Academic Units

- Minor edit is proposed to correct capitalization error.

##### Part B: Degree Programs and Other Credentials

- Minor edit in line 23 proposed to clarify that records of degree program approvals by the Board of Regents be maintained by the System Office of Academic Affairs rather than the Office of the President, which reflects the practice.
- Language added in lines 29 - 33 describing the Board of Regents delegation of the creation and discontinuance of non-degree credentials to the chancellors (with a requirement that the regents be informed) unless regent approval of these non-degree credentials is required by external entities.
- The language in lines 29 - 33 replaces the language in lines 25 - 27 which is consequently recommended for removal.