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**TO:** Regent Laws and Policies Stakeholders  
**FROM:** Michael Lightner, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
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**DATE:** March 10, 2025  
**RE:** Formal Review of Regent Article 5, Part B: Academic Freedom

**Regent Article 5, Part B: Academic Freedom**

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 5, Part B – Academic Freedom** is currently under review.

The initial draft of Article 5, Part B, posted as “Draft 0” on the [Regent Law and Policy Review website](#) includes only very minor suggested updates from the administration. This draft was posted for stakeholder feedback last Fall. All comments were reviewed and considered, and no additional changes were incorporated prior to first discussion at the January 2025 Regents Governance Committee meeting. The draft continued to be posted for feedback through a deadline of March 4, 2025, and has received no additional comment. Feedback is still welcome. Draft 0 is on the agenda for discussion at the Regents Governance Committee on March 25, 2025.

This law was last reviewed in September 2018 and was affirmed by the Regents in July 2020.

- No proposed changes except in section 5.B.2(B) to include specific reference to associated APS 1043 in which independent teaching and scholarly/creative work are defined, thereby bringing clarity to who has the right to academic freedom.