



**TO:** Regent Laws and Policies Stakeholders

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**RE:** Formal Review of Regent Article 7: Students (Part A: Admissions; Part B: Standards of Conduct; Part C: Academic Freedom; Part D: Student Government)

### Regent Article 7: Students

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 7: Students** is currently under review. Initially posted for feedback last fall, stakeholder feedback on this regent law was accepted through April 24, 2025. All comments were reviewed, considered, and in some cases, additional edits were incorporated in the proposed Draft 1.

Regent Article 7 will be on the agenda for discussion at the Regents Governance Committee on May 15, 2025. Stakeholders may continue to send feedback. To send your comments, on the [Regent Law and Policy Review website](#), click on Draft 1 of “Article 7: Students” to open and review the document, click the feedback link in the top right corner, and complete the feedback form. We welcome and appreciate all suggestions.

This law was last reviewed and affirmed by the regents in September 2018. Proposed updates include:

#### **Part A: Admissions**

- Minor edits are proposed to remove several unnecessary words in sections 7.A.1 and 7.A.2.

#### **Part B: Standards of Conduct**

- No proposed updates.

#### **Part C: Academic Freedom**

- Reference to another regent policy is added in section 7.C.1, along with minor wording updates for clarity in sections 7.C.2 (now labeled 7.C.1(A)) and 7.C.3 (now labeled 7.C.2).
- Added “creative work” so that section 7.C.1 includes the full phrase “scholarly and creative work.”
- In section 7.C.1, we’ve added reference to “course/credit-based” scholarly and creative work to clarify that this type of course-focused context is where students have academic freedom.
- Changed reference from “instructor” to “faculty member” in section 7.C.2 for accuracy.

#### **Part D: Student Government**

- No proposed updates.