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ARTICLE 7: STUDENTS

Part A: Admissions

7.A.1 The goal of the degree admissions process is to identify individuals with qualifications that indicate a high probability for degree completion. Admission is based on evidence of scholarly ability and accomplishment, general level of academic performance before admission to the university, and motivation and potential for academic growth, and ability to work in an academic community.

7.A.2 The university reserves the right to deny admission or readmission to applicants whose credentials reflect an inability to assume those obligations of performance and behavior deemed essential by the university and relevant to any of its lawful missions, processes, and functions as an educational institution.

7.A.3 University admission policies shall comply with state law and the policies of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

Part B: Standards of Conduct

7.B.1 Each campus shall establish standards of student conduct and processes for determining violations and any subsequent sanctions. See Regent Policy 7.B.

Part C: Academic Freedom

7.C.1 The core principle of free inquiry and discourse is recognized by the Board of Regents as academic freedom. For students, academic freedom pertains to their course discussions, course assignments, and scholarly work.

7.C.2 All members of the university community have the right to free expression as stated in Article 1.E of Regent Law and further elaborated in Regent Policy 1.D; however, this right is distinct from academic freedom.

7.C.3 In any course, students shall be free to discuss topics or ask questions related to the course, provided that students follow applicable campus policies and reasonable procedures established by the instructor to ensure orderly discussion and progress toward class and course goals. See Regent Policy 7.C.

7.C.4 Students should be evaluated solely on academic performance, according to the published requirements established by the instructor or academic unit.

32 7.C.5 Each campus shall have policies and procedures to investigate claims of, and
33 remediate confirmed violations of, student rights of academic freedom.

34 **Part D: Student Government**

35 7.D.1 On each campus, the students shall be represented by a campus student government
36 organization that reports to the chancellor.

37 7.D.2 Each campus student government organization shall operate in accordance with a
38 constitution that defines its governing structure and principles. The constitution is
39 subject to approval by the chancellor.

40 7.D.3 An Intercampus Student Forum shall serve as the universitywide student representative
41 body for communicating with the president and the Board of Regents. The Intercampus
42 Student Forum shall assign a spokesperson to address the Board of Regents.

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43 **Policy 7.A: Admissions**

44 7.A.1 Campus Admissions Policies

- 45 (A) The chancellor or chancellor's designee shall be responsible for developing and
46 implementing campus admission policies in accordance with Article 7, Part A.
- 47 (B) In formulating policies and procedures for admission to a campus, the campus
48 administration shall collaborate with appropriate members of the campus faculty.
49 As specified in Regent Policy 5.A.1(B)(1), faculty have the principal role in
50 originating academic policy and standards including admission criteria.

51 **Policy 7.B: Standards of Conduct**

52 7.B.1 Student Standards of Conduct

- 53 (A) The chancellor or chancellor's designee on each campus shall establish and
54 maintain standards of student conduct, in consultation with the campus student
55 government group.
- 56 (B) Each campus shall have defined policies and procedures for investigating
57 allegations of student conduct violations that provide due process appropriate for
58 the matter under investigation.
- 59 (C) Students, faculty, or administrators shall not be bound to decisions made under
60 conditions of coercion or intimidation, or where force and violence are present or
61 threatened.

62 7.B.2 Disciplinary Action for Standards of Conduct Violations

- 63 (A) The Board of Regents delegates to the chancellor, or chancellor's designee, the
64 authority to determine sanctions for standards of student conduct violations
65 including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion.
- 66 (B) Suspension or expulsion imposed by one University of Colorado campus shall
67 apply to all University of Colorado campuses.
- 68 (C) After the suspension period has expired, a student who has been suspended is
69 eligible to reapply for admission to the campus imposing the sanction or any
70 other University of Colorado campus.
- 71 (D) A student who has been expelled is indefinitely prohibited from enrolling at any
72 University of Colorado campus.
- 73 (E) The university may withdraw financial assistance, regardless of form, and deny
74 university employment to students who have been sanctioned for violating
75 standards of conduct.

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77 **Policy 7.C: Academic Freedom**

78 7.C.1 Associated Rights

79 (A) During a class discussion, students shall be free to raise questions and express
80 reasoned opinions on the current subject, provided that students follow
81 applicable campus policies and reasonable procedures established by the
82 instructor to ensure orderly discussion and progress toward class and course
83 goals.

84 (B) During faculty office hours, students shall be free to question, discuss, and
85 express reasoned opinions on all subjects related to the course.

86 (C) Students shall be free to take reasoned exception to the views or the methods of
87 data collection, analysis, and/or interpretation of data offered in any course of
88 study.

89 (D) Students should have protection, through orderly procedures, against prejudiced
90 or capricious academic evaluation.

91 7.C.2 Associated Responsibilities

92 (A) As members of the campus scholarly community, students shall strive to attain
93 the standards of academic performance established for each course in which
94 they are enrolled.

95 (B) Academic freedom notwithstanding, all students shall comply with standards of
96 conduct, and with any reasonable procedures for classroom discussion
97 established by the instructor.

98 **Policy 7.D: Student Government**

99 7.D.1 Governing Documents

100 (A) A campus student government constitution shall be submitted to the chancellor
101 for review and is subject to the chancellor's approval. It may then be ratified by a
102 vote of the student body.

103 (B) Proposed amendments to a campus student government constitution shall be
104 submitted to the chancellor for consideration and approval. The action of bringing
105 the matter to the student body for a vote shall be subject to chancellor approval.
106 The chancellor's approval to conduct a vote shall not be interpreted as an
107 endorsement of the proposed amendment, but shall indicate the chancellor's
108 acceptance of the outcome of the vote.

109 7.D.2 Student Government Organizations and Operations

110 (A) The administration and the campus student government organization shall
111 develop an operating agreement that establishes the role of student government

112 in managing student government-funded activities and in developing or reviewing
113 campus policies relevant to student issues. The agreement shall not interfere
114 with faculty control over academic policy.

115 (B) Student government organizations shall conduct their affairs in a manner that is
116 consistent with campus policies and procedures, the laws and policies of the
117 Board of Regents, and the laws of Colorado. No undue constraints shall be
118 placed upon student government operations.

119 (C) The operations and budgets of student government organizations are subject to
120 auditing in accordance with Board of Regents fiduciary oversight responsibilities.

121 7.D.3 Disputes

122 (A) Should a dispute arise between a student government organization and the
123 chancellor that cannot be resolved, the student government organization may
124 appeal to the president.

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