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TO: Board of Regent Laws & Policies Committee
FROM: Michael Lightner, Vice President for Academic Affairs
DATE: March 20, 2017
RE: Recommended Elimination of Article 8

Recommendation

The recommendation is to eliminate Article 8 from Regent Laws and Policies. There are no regent policies related to this section.

Part A: Calendar – eliminate

Justification:

- 8.A.1 – This law sets a minimum length (16 weeks) for fall and spring semesters. This is not a high level governing principle that is appropriate to regent law. Furthermore, it reflects an outdated mode of thinking that all courses are offered during a traditional fall/spring semester.

Part B: Commencements – eliminate

Justification:

- 8.B.1 – The key statement that gives the President final approval of commencement schedules is currently stated in APS 2001 and is appropriate for an APS, not regent law.
- 8.B.2 – The statement relating to commencement attire is not a high level governing principle that is appropriate to regent law.

Stakeholders Engaged

- Provosts
- University Counsel
- Faculty Council
- Faculty Assembly Chairs
- All Faculty
- General Public