ARTICLE 9: DESIGNATIONS AND REGENTS AWARDS

Part B: Regents Awards

9.B.1 The Board of Regents may award Honorary Degrees, University Medals, or Distinguished Service Awards as follows:

(A) Honorary Degrees recognize outstanding achievement in one or more of the following areas: intellectual contributions, university service, philanthropy and/or public service.

(B) University Medals recognize those persons whose achievements and contributions are particularly associated with the university.

(C) Distinguished Service Awards recognize those persons whose achievements and contributions are particularly associated with the state and/or nation.

Honorary Degrees

The Board of Regents may award Honorary Degrees in recognition of outstanding intellectual contributions, university service, philanthropy, and/or public service. To receive an Honorary Degree, candidates selected, or candidate’s representative, must attend a university commencement within a two-year period following selection.

9.B.2 University Medals and Distinguished Service Awards

(A) The Board of Regents may award University Medals to recognize persons whose achievements and contributions are particularly associated with the university.

(B) The Board of Regents may award Distinguished Service Awards to recognize persons whose achievements and contributions are particularly associated with the state and/or nation.

(C) University Medals or Distinguished Service Awards are generally awarded at commencements but may be awarded on other occasions, as determined by the Board.

9.B.32 Candidates for Nomination Procedures relating to the awarding of honorary degrees, university medals, and distinguished service awards are stated in Regent Policy 9.A.

Anyone may submit nominations. Exceptions as to who can be nominated are as follows:
No person may nominate him/herself.

• nor may No current university employees may be nominated.

• No current public officials may not be nominated. Public officials are elected or appointed officials in policy making positions with the ability to directly affect the university through an official act.

• Public officials may be nominated two years after completion of their terms of office.

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• Amended September 11, 1997; January 22, 1998; September 9, 1999; August 3, 2000; December 19, 2002; August 21, 2008; November 6, 2015.

• Adopted as Article 9: Designations and Regents Awards on June 15, 2017, but did not become effective until the related administrative policy statements (APSs) were implemented on January 1, 2018.

• Revisions to Article 9.B: Regents Awards were approved on April 5, 2019 (Pending) to change the timeline of the Regents Awards process.

• Regents approved renumbering the revised Article 9.B: Regent Awards to Article 2.D: Regent Awards on April 5, 2019 (Pending).

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