



**TO:** Regent Laws and Policies Stakeholders

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**RE:** Formal Review of Regent Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability

### **Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability**

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 Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability** is currently under review.

The initial draft of Policy 4.B posted as Draft 0 on the [Regent Law and Policy Review website](#) included proposed updates to reference several associated APSs and also to remove language due to a change in statute. Details are summarized below. This draft was posted for stakeholder feedback last Fall. All comments received through a deadline of February 14, 2025, were reviewed and considered. Additional proposed updates are incorporated in Draft 1 and posted for further feedback through April 24, 2025. Additional feedback was received and considered resulting in Draft 2, which is on the agenda for discussion at the Regents Governance Committee on May 15, 2025.

To send in comments, from the Regent Law and Policy website, click on Draft 2 of “Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability” to review the document. Then click on the feedback link in the top right corner and complete the feedback form. We welcome and appreciate all suggestions.

Policy 4.B was last reviewed and affirmed by the regents in January 2018. Proposed updates include the following:

- Proposed updates include the addition of references to specific APSs that are connected to sections 4.B.3, 4.B.4, and 4.B.6 of this policy.
- Edits are proposed in Section 4.B.4 regarding language about the role of faculty, administration, and the provost in participating in the recommendation process for program discontinuance. The suggestion is to remove lines 40 – 43 in favor of simpler wording in lines 44 – 45 and 48 – 50 that points to the detail contained in corresponding APS 1015. **(Updated in Draft 2)**
- In the last paragraph of Section 4.B.4, the reference to termination of appointments “of tenured and tenure track faculty” in line 54 is updated to refer more generally to “faculty appointments.” Policy 5.F which addresses termination of faculty appointments following program discontinuance refers to both tenured/tenure-track faculty and IRC faculty. Changing the reference to faculty appointments in 4.B.4 ensures consistency with Policy 5.F. **(Updated in Draft 2)**
- In compliance with *HB22-1049 – Prohibiting Transcript and Diploma Withholding*, the clause in section 4.B.5 of this policy that allowed withholding of academic transcripts for failure to meet financial obligations to the university has been removed.