TO: Regent Governance Committee

FROM: Michael Lightner, Vice President Academic Affairs

DATE: August 14, 2025

RE: Recommended Changes to Regent Policy 4.B

Background

Regent Policy 4.B underwent stakeholder review and revision last spring, and updates were approved by the Regents in June 2025. With continued discussion of degree program approval and associated reporting and accountability, further changes to the policy are proposed; see recommendations below.

Stakeholders who will vw participating in the review of the proposed changes to Policy 4.B include:

- Campus provosts and provosts' teams
- University Counsel
- Faculty Shared Governance
- CU System Office of Academic Affairs

Recommendations

Additional language recommended for inclusion in Policy 4.B requires:
- Campuses to have published processes for program review, new degree program approval and new academic unit approval. These processes are to be sufficient to satisfy the requirement of system administrative policies.
- Periodic audits of the integrity of campus processes for program reviews, new degree programs, and new academic units in meeting the requirements of the system administrative policies.

Fiscal Review

A. Do you think a fiscal review is needed for these proposed changes?   Yes, because of the requirement of ongoing audits.

1.   If no, please explain. (e.g., This can be accomplished within existing resources.)

2.   If yes, please share with the Office of the Vice President for Budget & Finance for review.

a. Date fiscal review completed: TBD
b. Person completing fiscal review: TBD
c. Would these changes create a fiscal or resource impact?

[ ] NO
[ ] YES

If yes, what resources will be required to implement and sustain these policy changes?