

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

TO: Regent Laws and Policies Stakeholders

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RE: Formal Review of Regent Policy 7.C: Academic Freedom

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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 7.C: Academic Freedom** is currently under review. Initially posted last fall for feedback, comments on this regent policy were accepted through April 24, 2025. All comments were reviewed and considered, and no additional edits were incorporated in the proposed Draft 0.

Regent Policy 7.C will be on the agenda for discussion at the Regents Governance Committee on May 15, 2025. Stakeholders may continue to send feedback. To send in your comments, on the Regent Law and Policy Review website, click on Draft 0 of "Policy 7.C: Academic Freedom" to review the document, click the feedback link in the top right corner, and complete the feedback form. We welcome and appreciate all suggestions.

This policy was last reviewed and affirmed by the regents in September 2018. Proposed updates include the following:

- Minor edits are proposed for clarity and accuracy of wording (sections 7.C.1(A); 7.C.1(D); and 7.C.2(B)).