UNIVERSITY POLICY FRAMEWORK AND HIERARCHY

University-Wide Policies

University-wide policies govern the CU system and supersede campus, college, and department policies.

External Legal Requirements: Federal and State constitutions, laws, rules and regulations; contracts; and accreditation requirements

Regent Law: As a constitutional body, the Board of Regents have been empowered by the constitution of Colorado to enact laws for the university that outline a system of beliefs by which the university is organized and governed and Regent laws are interpreted as Colorado statutes.

Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws: The constitution provides a system for participation of faculty in the governance of the university as specified in the Laws of the Regents of the University of Colorado, which enumerate the rights, privileges and responsibilities of the faculty, including preservation of academic freedom. Participation occurs through faculty organizations at the university level, at the campus level and at the college and school level.

Regent Policy: To provide organizational detail or high-level guiding principles, the Board of Regents create policies to set expectations for the operation of the university.

Administrative Policy Statements (APS): For process and procedure, the Office of the President may create Administrative Policy Statements which are authoritative rules dealing with details or procedures for implementing Regent laws and policies and for the administrative matters concerning faculty, staff and students.

Procedure Statement: Procedure statements include detailed information on rules and how to complete specific tasks within functional areas, including but not limited to: finance, procurement, human resources, risk management and university relations.

Non-University-Wide Policies

University campuses, colleges, and departments may develop policies to govern their unique needs, so long as they do not conflict with Regent Laws and Policies, Administrative Policy Statements and external legal requirements.

Campus/System Policy: to govern unique campus needs

College/School Policy: to govern unique college/school needs

Department Policy: to govern unique department needs