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Article 4: Organization of Academic Units [1]

PART A: COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

4.A.1 Organization

(A) Colleges and schools of the University of Colorado shall be organized on each campus as approved by the Board of Regents.

(B) Colleges and schools shall usually be operated as separate academic units at the campuses.

(C) When colleges and schools operate on a multi-campus basis, the organizational structure, reporting relationships, and operational responsibilities shall be agreed upon in writing by the president, appropriate chancellors, and deans.

4.A.2 Deans

(A) There shall be a dean of each college or school who shall be the principal administrative officer for the college or school, and the presiding officer for faculty meetings of the college or school.

(B) In colleges and schools operating on a multi-campus basis, when operational control is headquartered at one campus, the college/school other than the headquarter campus may designate a resident dean. Such resident dean shall be the associate or assistant dean reporting to the dean at the headquarters of the college/school.

(C) Each dean shall be responsible for matters at the college or school level including but not limited to enforcement of admission requirements; the efficiency of departments and other divisions within the college or school; budgetary planning and allocation of funds; faculty assignments and work loads recommendations on personnel actions; curriculum planning; academic advising accountability and reporting.

4.A.3 Council of Academic Deans

(A) The Council of Academic Deans shall advise the president on academic policy and on such other matters as the president may request, including recommendations of the Faculty

Council and Faculty Senate committees. The voting membership of the council shall be the academic deans of the schools and colleges, the deans/directors of the libraries, the museum, the divisions of continuing education, and such other academic officers as the president may appoint. The president shall preside at the meetings of the council.

(B) The chair of the Faculty Council and the four campus chancellors shall serve as ex officio members of the council.

4.A.4 Faculty Membership

There shall be a faculty of each college or school which shall consist of all general faculty members. The voting membership of a college or school faculty shall be determined by its faculty.

4.A.5 Faculty Powers

(A) A College or school faculty shall collaborate with the dean in the governance of the college or school as to all matters that concern only the college or school in question.

(B) A College or school faculty shall have jurisdiction over all matters under section 5.E.5 of these Laws that concern the college or school in question. Through shared governance of the university with the administration and the Board of Regents, college or school faculty will implement statutory and CCHE requirements for new academic degree program proposals, academic program review, and program discontinuance.

PART B: DEPARTMENTS

4.B.1 Organization

(A) A department of a college or school shall be an academic unit organized around a single academic discipline or several related academic disciplines.

(B) To establish a department, a proposal must be approved by the appropriate dean and chancellor, the president, and shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Regents.

(C) Departments shall develop their working structure, and department rules, subject to the approval of the dean and chancellor and in accordance with policies established by the board.

PART C: OTHER ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH UNITS

4.C.1 Establishment

The Board of Regents may approve other academic or research units including an administrative and programmatic unit responsible for continuing educational activities. The establishment of centers, bureaus, and laboratories shall be subject to the approval of the president and/or designee. Upon approval by the president, requests for the establishment of institutes shall be submitted to the board for review and approval.

(A) An institute is defined as a single or multi-disciplinary unit organized to conduct education, research and/or service activities and is characterized by organizational permanency, programmatic autonomy, and an annual operating budget that is fiscally independent of other academic units.

(B) A center is defined as a single or multidisciplinary unit organized to conduct education, research and/or service activities and is characterized by less programmatic autonomy and less independence relative to the annual operating budget of the sponsoring department(s) or other academic unit(s).

(C) A bureau or laboratory is defined as a single or multidisciplinary entity whose primary function is research and/or service.

PART D: ACCOUNTABILITY

4.D.1 Academic Program Review

Academic review of all units shall be conducted once every five to seven years within an established timetable, to identify strengths and weaknesses, to establish recommendations for program development and to promote high-quality and well-administered academic programs.

4.D.2 Faculty-Course Evaluation

Each campus shall fund and implement a faculty-course evaluation process to improve instruction and student learning and to provide published information to students, departmental administration and the university?s administration.

4.D.3 Approval of New Degree Program Proposals

New academic degree program proposals must be approved by the Board of Regents prior to submittal to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education for final authorization.

4.D.4 Program Discontinuance

The Board of Regents may discontinue an academic program or academic unit in accordance with Board defined policy and implementation procedures.

4.D.5 Classified Research

The university will undertake, conduct, or manage those classified research projects that receive the specific approval of the president, in accordance with defined procedures.

4.D.6 Notification of Accreditation Status Change

The president and chancellors shall notify the Board of Regents of any change in the accreditation classification of any program, department, or other unit.

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