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LAWS OF THE REGENTS

ARTICLE 3: OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ADMINISTRATION

Part A: Officers

Officers are responsible for carrying out the strategic plans and policies as established or approved by the Board of Regents. Officers have executive powers delegated to them in the areas of academic programs and core administrative areas. Officers are subject to all federal, state and university laws and policies for University Staff[1].

Part B: Officers of the University

There shall be five officers of the university: 1) the president; 2) the university counsel; 3) the secretary of the Board of Regents; 4) the treasurer; and 5) the associate vice president of internal audit.

The Board of Regents shall elect the president in accordance with the laws of the state of Colorado.

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The Board of Regents, in consultation with the president, shall elect the university counsel, the treasurer, and the associate vice president of internal audit in accordance with the laws of the state of Colorado.

The Board of Regents may appoint a single person to serve in the offices of university counsel and secretary of the Board of Regents in its discretion.

All officers of the university serve at the pleasure of the Board of Regents.

Part C: Officers of the Administration

Officers of the administration shall be those individuals who hold the title or interim/acting title of chancellor; vice president; associate vice president; vice chancellor; associate vice chancellor; associate counsel; and deans of the schools, colleges, and libraries.

Upon notification to the Board of Regents, the president and chancellors may designate positions of assistant vice president or assistant vice chancellor as officers of the administration.

[1] The term “officer and exempt professional” was replaced with the term “university staff” effective April 17, 2015.

Part D: Temporary Appointment to President

Temporary Appointment to President of the University of Colorado. In the event of a president's inability to act, whether as the result of a prolonged absence or incapacity, the chair of the Board of Regents may, after consultation with the chancellors, appoint a temporary president of the University of Colorado. The chair may appoint either an incumbent chancellor or an incumbent vice president. The temporary president shall have all of the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions imposed on the president.

Within five business days of the chair of the Board of Regents' appointment of a temporary president, the Board of Regents shall convene, either by regular or special meeting, and appoint an interim president to serve as the president of the University of Colorado. The interim president shall have all of the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions imposed on the president. The interim president shall serve at the discretion of the Board of Regents until such time as the Board of Regents appoints a permanent president.

History:

- Adopted: Article 3: Officers and University Staff, _____
- Revised: May 20, 1993; April 25, 1996; June 26, 1997; September 10, 1998; August 3, 2000; December 19, 2002; June 2, 2004; August 16, 2007; June 27, 2014; April 17, 2015; September 11, 2015; September 7, 2017 - Renamed Officers of the University and Administration. (Sections 3.A.1 and 3.A.2 of the prior Article 3: Officers and University Staff remain and sections 3.B.1-7, 3.C.2 and 3.D.1-2 of the prior Article 3: Officers and University Staff and 3.G.D.1-2 and 3.G.F from the prior policy 3.G: Appointments and Evaluations of University Staff have been moved to the new Policy 3: Officers of the University and Administration.); November 7, 2024 (content under 3.C.1(D) was unchanged and renumbered to Part D).
- Last Reviewed: September 10, 2026.