



APS JUSTIFICATION

Policy Title: Academic Degree Program Annual Tracking and Reporting

APS Number: 1046

APS Functional Area: **ACADEMIC/RESEARCH**

Date Submitted:	December 19, 2025 (Updated 3/25/26)
Proposed Action:	New
Brief Description:	Provides requirements and procedures for annual tracking and reporting on academic degree programs.
Desired Effective Date:	TBD
Responsible University Officer:	Vice President for Academic Affairs
Responsible Office:	Office of Academic Affairs
Policy Contact:	Office of Academic Affairs
Applies to:	All campuses

Reason for Policy: Provides ongoing annual tracking of academic degree programs, separate from the continuous quality goal of the program review process.

I. REASON FOR PROPOSED ACTION

Per regent law, article 4, part B, and regent policy 4.B.1, the Board of Regents approves all new degree programs offered by the University of Colorado. Academic degrees programs are the heart of the educational offerings of the university, bear tuition and fees approved by the Board of Regents, and lead to degrees that, upon the recommendation of the faculty, are conferred by the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents has requested a high-level annual check on the academic degree programs they have approved. This APS provides the details of that reporting.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

This APS establishes a framework for an annual check on degree programs offered by the campuses of the University of Colorado. The campus chancellors shall provide a written and oral report to the Board of Regents using this framework, as well as a high-level public summary report.

For annual reporting, each degree program will be assessed in terms of the extent/type of activity in four broad categories: educational, strategic realignment, financial or other resource allocation, and enrollment pause. Clarification added that regardless of whether activity within one of these categories originates at the degree program level or from broader sources (e.g., campus, externally), the activity level will be reported. (Updated 3/25/26)

Based on this APS and existing campus processes, each campus shall have a documented process for carrying out the annual reporting requirements. Templates for the written report are provided in an Appendix.

II. LEAD STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN THE POLICY REVIEW PROCESS

Provosts
Faculty Council Educational Policy and University Standards Committee
Campus Faculty Assemblies
University Counsel

III. LEGAL REVIEW

A. Do you think legal review would be required for these proposed changes? **Yes**

1. If no, please explain:
2. If yes, what is your plan to get the legal review?

B. Date legal review completed: **December 22, 2025**

C. Person completing legal review: **Erica Weston**

IV. FISCAL REVIEW

Are there any financial (human resources, technology, operations, training, etc.) or other resource impacts of implementing this policy (e.g., cost savings, start-up costs, additional time for faculty or staff, new systems, or software)? **No**
If yes, please explain: