University of Colorado
Boulder | Colorado Springs | Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus

APS JUSTIFICATION

Policy Title: Degree Program Review

APS Number: 1019 **APS Functional Area:** ACADEMIC/RESEARCH

Date Submitted:	October 21, 2025
Proposed Action:	Revision
Brief Description:	Requires procedures for review of all degree programs within an established timetable.
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 colleges, schools and academic units

Reason for Policy: Provides reporting requirements for degree program review. Degree program review is required by Regent Policy 4.B.1: Academic Program Review.

I. REASON FOR PROPOSED ACTION

Regent Policy 4.B: Academic Planning and Accountability is currently under review by the Board of Regents. Proposed changes to associated APS 1019: Degree Program Review, are to ensure alignment with updated language in Regent Policy 4.B.1.and to clarify implementation expectations for campus program review processes.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

Minor edits are suggested throughout the APS to mirror Regent Policy 4.B language, including the addition of periodic independent audits of campus program review processes relative to APS 1019 requirements.

Language is updated to clarify flexibility for the campuses with respect to the seven-year degree program review schedule.

While a statement of degree program goals is already part of the annual degree program review report to the regents, proposed updates require that goals and plans for degree programs must be approved by the dean, provost, and chancellor.

Edits are proposed to specify and clarify requirements for the annual report to the Board of Regents, including an updated degree program data table. The updated table retains a focus on headcount enrollment and degrees awarded data and adds FTE enrollment data since the last review. The table no longer requires student credit hours data.

III. LEAD STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED IN THE POLICY REVIEW

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

IV. **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? **Review was conducted.**

B. Date legal review completed: **10/16/25**

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

V. **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: