BOARD OF REGENTS POLICY:

*College Constitutions*

This policy governs the creation and review of college constitutions, which, with other University policies, guide educational and administrative actions within a college.

**Subd. 1. Guiding Principle.**
College constitutions establish the internal governance structure and embody the authority of colleges to govern their own educational and administrative affairs.

**Subd. 2. Definition.**
For the purpose of this policy, *college* shall mean an academic unit that is:

(a) directly responsible for recruiting and hiring faculty and recommending them for promotion and tenure;
(b) regarded by its faculty as their primary academic appointment home, either in one of the college’s departments or directly within the college itself;
(c) organized around a discipline or group of related disciplines; and
(d) directly responsible for providing instruction for students that leads to an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree or certificate.

**Subd. 3. Delegation of Authority.**
The president or delegate shall approve collegiate constitutions and any subsequent amendments.

**Subd. 4. Consistency with Board of Regents Policies and Other University Policies.**
College constitutions must be consistent with all Board of Regents (Board) and other University policies and procedures. To the extent that any provision of a college constitution conflicts with a Board or other University policy or procedure, the Board or other University policy or procedure shall govern.
**Subd. 5. Relationship to Employment Contracts.**
College constitutions are not intended to be and are not part of the contract terms or the conditions of employment for any University employee.

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