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## COLLEGE CONSTITUTIONS

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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 purposes 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.