CU Anschutz School of Medicine receives best ranking in NIH funding in 20 years[1]

UCCS secures cybersecurity funding through Rep. Crank's office[2]

Sundance Film Festival announces dates for 2027 [3]

CU Denver Launches ELEVATION, first comprehensive fundraising campaign for a single CU campus [4]

Reminder: Comment on newly revised Consensual Amorous Relationships Policy by March 13[5]

The deadline is approaching for the University of Colorado community to provide feedback on a newly revised Consensual Amorous Relationships Policy (currently Conflict of Interest in Amorous Relationships Policy, APS 5015 [6]).

Those interested may review the draft and provide feedback by March 13, before its final consideration by the campus chancellors and the president. The proposed effective date is July 1, 2026.

Led by Valerie Simons, vice president of compliance and equity and system Title IX coordinator, a systemwide group of staff and faculty – including representatives from the Equity Offices, Human Resources, Intercollegiate Athletics and Office of University Counsel – met this past year to review the policy as requested by CU President Todd Saliman.

The working group shared initial drafts with campus stakeholder offices and university leadership and student representatives and is now proceeding with review through the system Office of Policy and Efficiency[7] for stakeholder engagement with students, faculty and staff, campus governance groups and external stakeholders. Each campus also will host student focus groups to ensure their robust review and engagement before the policy is made final.

The policy was drafted with the following goals in mind:
Expand definition of "evaluative authority" to remove any concerns about favoritism, abuses of power or perceived or real conflicts of interest, particularly involving students, when the power dynamic between two individuals is in question.
Establish clear prohibitions for defined consensual amorous relationships and protocol for how to disclose and remove any potential conflicts of interest. Explain differences between relationships between consenting individuals pursuant to the Consensual Amorous Relationships Policy and those relationships that involve harassment, coercion, intimidation, force, threats or intimidation or "quid pro quo" that are addressed under the Sexual Misconduct, Intimate Partner Violence, and Stalking Policy.
Feedback is requested by March 13 so that the Office of Policy and Efficiency may share it with leadership and the systemwide working group. Once all feedback is received, the policy will be finalized through the Office of the President and campus leadership.

The link to provide feedback is on the draft policy[6] (https://www.cu.edu/ope/forms/feedback/aps[8]), where additional information about the policy and initial review by the systemwide working group can be found. Community input will inform revisions to the draft before its final presentation to the chancellors and the president.

Regents approve recommendations for some regent laws and policies[9]

The Board of Regents completed the scheduled review and approved revisions to the following laws and policies on Feb. 5:
Policy 13.D: Defense and Indemnification of University of Colorado Employees Policy 13.E: Fiscal Misconduct
The Board of Regents completed the scheduled review and approved recommendations of no changes for the following laws and policies on Feb. 5:
Policy 1.B: Guiding Principles Policy 2.E: Faculty, Staff, and Student Representatives to the Board of Regents Policy 14.B: Use of University's Name and Marks in Advertising and Marketing by External Entities
These laws and policies were scheduled for review as part of the Board of Regents' five-year review schedule[10] for regent laws and policies.

For a more detailed summary of the changes provided in the policy justifications and redline drafts, go to https://www.cu.edu/regents/rlpreview#tabs-2[11].

Federal update: Government funding, NSF and CDC leadership changes, more[12]

From Feb. 20, this update from CU Federal Relations and Counsel includes information on Government Funding, NSF and CDC Leadership Changes, CO Energy Grant Lawsuit, Rumored NIST Foreign-Born Policy, NCAR-Wyoming Supercomputer Operations Transition, ED Plans to Change McNair TRIO Program Eligibility Requirement, and DOW Military Tuition Assistance Restrictions Consideration.

Click here to read the post.[13]

For the latest communications and federal memos, please visit the CU System Federal Updates and Actions[14] page.

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