



UTAH SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

July 12, 2024

Board Policy Updates

As outlined below, the Commissioner recommends approval of amendments to two Board policies and repeal of one Board policy based on the Office of the Commissioner's five-year policy review and changes in federal law.

R401, Approval and Modification of Instructional Programs and Administrative Units within Institutional Role, Mission, and Designated Service Region

The following amendments to Board Policy R401 are recommended based on [Board Policy R131](#), which was passed during the June 2024 Board meeting:

- Updating the references to include [Board Policy R131](#),
- Adding the definition of "Student Resources or Cultural Center"; and
- Referencing the Board of Higher Education approval process for a student resource or cultural center as required by [Board Policy R131](#).

R431, State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement

The following amendments to Board Policy R431 are recommended based on the Commissioner's office's five-year policy review and updates in federal law:

- Updating notification requirements to students for educational programs that lead to professional licensure or certification based on changes in federal law;
- Updating surety bond, certificate of deposit, or irrevocable letter of credit amounts to align with the Utah Department of Commerce surety amounts; and
- Non-substantive edits for clarity and consistency with other Board policies.

The Office of the Commissioner shared this information with institution compliance officers and general counsels for feedback.

R613, Public Safety Officer Career Advancement Reimbursement Program

The Commissioner's office recommends the repeal of Board Policy R613 because the program was converted from a reimbursement program to a grant program in 2022, and Board Policy R613-3 establishes June 30, 2024, as the sunset date for the reimbursement program.

Commissioner's Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends that the Board approve amending Board Policies R401 and R431 and repealing Board Policy R613.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 - Redlined Board Policy R401
- Attachment 2 - Clean Board Policy R401
- Attachment 3 - Redlined Board Policy R431
- Attachment 4 - Clean Board Policy R431
- Attachment 5 - Redlined Board Policy R613