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**TO:** Board of Regents  
**FROM:** Ali Bovingdon, Chief Legal Counsel  
**DATE:** June 29, 2023  
**RE:** Residency Policy Revisions

In May 2023, OCHE legal staff submitted proposed revisions to the Board's residency policy. The proposed revisions were drafted to clarify existing policy and to address specific issues that have been raised to OCHE related to residency. Following the May meeting, OCHE received comments on the proposed revisions from campus residency professionals and other stakeholders. OCHE legal staff reviewed the comments and adjusted the proposed revisions when necessary. The updated version now includes an exception for incarcerated students participating in a Second Chance Pell or Prison Education Program. Other non-substantive edits were made to further clarify the policy language. The remainder of the revisions presented to the Board in May are unchanged.