

Resolution to Reject the “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education”

Whereas, the federal administration, on October 1, 2025, invited nine universities to join a “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education” and, as reported on October 13, 2025, expanded that invitation to all universities including the University of Colorado;

Whereas, this Compact amounts to a loyalty oath to subvert the University mission and values, undermine shared governance, infringe constitutional rights of members of the University community, and violate state civil rights law, with disastrous financial consequences for an unreviewable finding of non-compliance;

Whereas, seven of the nine originally solicited institutions have rejected the Compact and faculty senates at the University of Arizona, University of Virginia, Vanderbilt University, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Colorado Boulder have passed resolutions to reject the Compact;

Whereas, University of California Berkeley Law School Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, has asserted, “the future of higher education in America requires that every university reject” the Compact;

Whereas, the Compact and any similar proposal would have profound impacts on matters that CU Regent Law 5.A grants faculty “principal responsibility” for, as well as matters that require “collaboration” between administration and faculty;

Be it resolved that, the Faculty Representative Assembly of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs firmly opposes this Compact and calls on Chancellor Sobanet, President Saliman, and the CU Board of Regents to reject the Compact outright as well as any similar proposal compromising the mission, values, and academic freedom of the university and its faculty.