April 18, 2022

Below please find a listing of all new and revised Regent Policy Documents and UW System Administrative policies and procedures approved from March 18, 2022, through April 18, 2022.

I. Revised UW System Administrative Policy Approvals

- **SYS 304, Fiscal Misconduct** (approved and effective as of March 22, 2022)
  
  - This policy establishes the parameters for the reporting, investigation, and resolution of instances of fiscal misconduct within the University of Wisconsin System. Revisions to this policy include:
    - In section 3, scope, removed language suggesting that the definition for “fiscal misconduct“ differed in this policy to ensure consistency across policy library.
    - In section 5, revised the definition for “Fiscal Misconduct” to be more comprehensive.
    - In section 6, revised language referring to “university funds” to instead read “State or UW System funds or resources.”
    - In Section 6, added language regarding the confidentiality of reports and investigations of fiscal misconduct.
    - There were no comments on these policy revisions submitted during the review period.

- **SYS 308, Budget Transfers** (approved and effective as of March 22, 2022)
  
  - This policy provides direction regarding budget monitoring within the systemwide financial system and the need to adjust institutional Annual Operating Budgets during the fiscal year. Revisions to the policy include:
    - Added sections 1-5 to comply with policy format outlined in SYS 1.A., *UW System Administrative Policy Template*.
    - In section 6, updated language to reflect current terminology (e.g., replaced “Red Book Budget” with “Annual Operating Budget”).
    - In section 6, added language to clarify policy on intra-institutional budget transfers, inter-institutional budget transfers, and reconciliation/monitoring.
    - Throughout policy, removed outdated language and references.
    - There were no comments on these policy revisions submitted during the review period.
• **SYS 822, Student Services Funding** (approved and effective as of April 15, 2022)
  o Student services represent the many educational activities which contribute to a student’s overall learning experience while attending an institution within the University of Wisconsin System. Section 36.09 (1)(hm) of the Wisconsin Statutes requires a policy for identifying the different revenue sources that may be used to fund noninstructional student activities. This policy indicates which revenue sources may be used for student services.
  o The revisions to SYS 822, Student Services Funding, reflect the recommendations of a 2016 working group established by former President Cross, which included students, Student Affairs Officers, Chief Business Officers and UW System Administration staff. The revisions address changes in the type and level of student services provided and UW institutions’ overall funding structure. The revisions also address some inconsistencies identified in prior Internal Audit reviews of UW institutions’ business operations in student services. Specific revisions include:
    ▪ Under Definitions, changing “Counseling and Career Guidance” to “Career Guidance and Counseling.” The definition has been revised to reflect that personal counseling services conducted under the auspices of Student Health Services should be included under that subactivity, rather than under Student Services. The definition content for “Student Health Services” has also been revised to reflect this change.
    ▪ Allowing all funding sources for personal counseling services without identifying any funding as the primary source. General purpose revenue (GPR) was previously identified as the primary source for such services.
    ▪ Separately identifying the types of services within Student Services Administration, to clarify intent and appropriate funding sources.
  o After the distribution feedback period, the following changes were made:
    ▪ The policy was revised to comply with the current UW System Administrative Policy format, per SYS 1, Development, Revision, and Approval of UW System Administrative Policies, Procedures, & Guidelines.
    ▪ A reference to an expired regent policy document was removed from the background section (RPD 19-8, Funding of University Facilities Capital Costs)
    ▪ In the Definitions section, the definition for Administrative Data Processing/Student Services was removed.
    ▪ The Student Services Activities Allowable Funding Sources matrix was incorporated into the policy itself, in addition to being made available as an attachment.

II. **UW System Policy Rescission Approval**
• **SYS 150, The Application of Job Market and Placement Information to Academic Planning** (rescinded March 25, 2022)
The policy was designed to explore the issues underlying use of job market and placement data in academic program decision and planning, describe current University practice in using such information, and state the “next steps” proposed by the System for improved use of placement and job market information. The policy was intended to be used as the basis for policy discussion with the institutions and their faculties, and with the Regents as well as with state government. The expectation was that refinement of its propositions and projections would result from such discussion.

It was recommended that SYS 150, *The Application of Job Market and Placement Information to Academic Planning*, be rescinded because it was duplicative of SYS 102 components that relate to how market demand data should be included in academic program planning. The policy read like a proposal rather than a policy to enhance planning using workforce or “job market and placement information.” The same concept to use workforce demand data is already a part of SYS 102, *Program Planning, Approval and Review* policy. Further, use of workforce demand data is a part of the Board authorization template. Lastly, data related to program demand is a part of review templates used at institutions for program planning. The spirit of SYS 150 was reflected and integrated into an existing policy, SYS 102.

There were no comments submitted during the distribution feedback period.

### III. New UW System Administrative Procedure Approval

- **SYS 308.A, Budget Transfer Process** (approved and effective as of March 21, 2022)
  - This procedure outlines the process through which budget transfers are to be processed, reviewed and reconciled within the system-wide financial system during a fiscal year.
  - There were no comments submitted during the distribution feedback period.

### IV. Revised UW System Administrative Procedure Approval

- **SYS 304.A, Fiscal Misconduct: Reporting and Review Process** (approved and effective as of March 21, 2022)
  - This procedure outlines the process through which acts of fiscal misconduct within the UW System are to be reported, investigated, and resolved. Revisions to this procedure include:
    - In section 3, revised the definition for Fiscal Misconduct to align with revisions to the definition in SYS 304.
    - In section 4, replaced “material instances of fiscal misconduct” with “significant instances of fiscal misconduct” to enhance clarity.
    - In section 4.d, added language to indicate that chancellors shall consult with the UW System Vice President for Finance and the Chief Audit Executive when addressing fiscal misconduct violations.
    - There were no comments on these procedure revisions submitted during the review period.
V. **New UW System Administrative Guidelines**
   • **SYS 135 Guidance, Guideline on Extra-Institutional Exams**
     o These guidelines provide information regarding extra-institutional examinations such as the International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations and College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examinations.

VI. **Policies in the Final Stages of Revision**
The following policy was distributed for comment in prior months and is currently being revised by the policy owners:
   • **SYS 236, Utilization of Independent Contractors**