

Proposal to Rescind UW System Administrative (SYS) Policy



Policy: 126 (*formerly ACIS 5.2*), Statewide Planning,
Communication and Coordination of Extension Programs in
the UW System

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Following the 2017 University of Wisconsin System Restructure ([Resolution 10956](#), amended by [Resolution 10961](#)), which directed that the model of statewide outreach and public service overseen by the former UW-Extension be preserved, University of Wisconsin System President Ray Cross further directed that System policies be updated to preserve this model within the new administrative structures of the former divisions of UW-Extension. Consistent with this directive, the four System policies above (SYS 125-130) were updated to maintain the philosophical and operational features of the existing model for statewide outreach and public service, updated to the structural requirements resulting from the systemwide restructure. The existing model for statewide outreach and public service within the UW System is a partnership model; the policies describe this model and the relevant oversight and reporting roles and responsibilities of the partners.

The UW System original policy language was changed only as necessary to meet this objective. These policies should be read as a set. These policies describe:

- The continued character, coordination, and delivery of “statewide outreach and public service.” (Note: this is the new phrasing for “Extension Services,” which referred to the statewide outreach and public service mission of the former UW-Extension. This new phrase was made necessary by “Extension” becoming the exclusive reference for *UW-Madison Extension*, the new name for the former Division of Cooperative Extension).
- The continuation of the domain-specific statewide outreach roles and responsibilities of the relevant former divisions of UW-Extension, adapted to their post-restructure identities, including continuation of existing funding and reporting roles and responsibilities.
- The continuation and adaptation of how programs and services are identified and described that are offered through the statewide outreach and public service model.

[SYS 126, Statewide Planning, Communication and Coordination of Extension Programs in the UW System](#)

Background Summary of Policy

- This document described the history of UW-Extension and it will now be considered a “guidance document” vs. a policy. That is, this document will no longer provide policy directives. A new paragraph was written that will precede this policy, converting it to a guidance document.

As of 2/21/2020

Rationale for Rescission

- In 2017, pursuant to Regent Resolutions 10956 and 10961, the UW Colleges and UW-Extension were restructured. Hence, the [UW System Policy, SYS 126, *Statewide Planning, Communication and Coordination of Extension Programs in the UW System*](#), became a guidance document, rather than an active policy. As a guidance document, SYS 126 describes many of the foundational aspects of the statewide extension function, for ready access by current and future UW System faculty, staff, and students, as well as members of the public. The UW System policies that remain in effect as active policies include: SYS 125, SYS 127, and SYS 130.