

Proposal to Rescind UW System Administrative (SYS) Policy



Policy: The Application of Job Market and Placement Information to Academic Planning

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SYS 150, The Application of Job Market and Placement Information to Academic Planning

Background Summary of Policy

- 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.

Rationale for Rescission

- It is recommended that SYS 150, *The Application of Job Market and Placement Information to Academic Planning*, be rescinded because it is duplicative of SYS 102 components that relate to how market demand data should be included in academic program planning. This policy, in its current form, reads 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 the policy is reflected and integrated into an existing policy, SYS 102.
- Rescinding this policy would influence program planning across the UW System; however, direction to use of data related to demand is already a part of existing policy.
- Rescinding the policy will not impact program planning, as using data to guide planning is already a required component for program authorization and planning.