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Below, please find a listing of all new and revised UW System Administrative policies approved between February 14, 2026 and March 6, 2026. There were one (1) revised UW System Administrative interim policy action, three (3) revised UW System Administrative policies, one (1) new UW System Administrative procedure, one (1) new UW System Administrative guidance document, and two (2) rescinded UW System Administrative policies.

I. Revised UW System Administrative Interim Actions

- [SYS 100-100, Interim: UW System Transfer Policy - Guaranteed Transfer Amendments](#) (approved March 2, 2026; expires September 1, 2026)
 - Purpose of Interim Action
 - This interim policy action amends sections of SYS 135, *UW System Undergraduate Transfer Policy*. These amendments are being made concomitantly with the rescission of procedure SYS 135.A, *Guaranteed Transfer* and the associated guidance. The rescission is intended to remedy the inconsistency among these documents. The current amendments to SYS 135 under this interim policy action are intended to address pieces of the policy that are no longer applicable and/or create transfer challenges for students. University of Wisconsin System Administration will conduct a thorough review and revision of SYS 135 in 2025 to conclude this work.
 - Summary of Revisions
 - This interim policy action was revised to extend the expiration date from March 1, 2026, or upon approval of substantive revisions to SYS 135, whichever is first, to September 1, 2026, or upon the approval of substantive revisions to SYS 135, whichever is first.

II. Revised UW System Administrative Policies

- [SYS 1, Development, Revision, and Approval of UW System Administrative Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines](#) (approved February 23, 2026)
 - Summary of Policy and Policy Revisions
 - Administrative policies, procedures, and guidance must be up-to-date, consistent in format and how they are approved, and easily accessible and understandable to stakeholders. This policy on the development and approval of administrative policies and procedures is issued to promote these objectives.
 - Proposed revisions include to policy SYS 1 include:
 - Throughout the document, changing references from “guidelines” to “guidance” to standardize language.
 - Throughout the document, changing references to SYS 1.A, SYS 1.B, SYS 1.C, and SYS 1.D to “Attachment 1”, “Attachment 2”, “Attachment 3”, and “Attachment 4” to clarify the documents are templates as they do not fall under the definition of procedures.

- In Section 5: Updating the definition of guidance to clarify such documents do not contain mandatory requirements except where requirements found in statute, administrative rule, Regent Policy Documents, or UW System Administrative policy are referenced.
 - In Section 5 and throughout the document: Updating the definition of Interim Policy/Procedure Action to include the need to address “urgent external situations” in addition to emergencies and updating references to the term throughout the policy.
 - In Section 5: Adding the definition of institution to clarify which entities fall under the term.
 - In Section 6.A: Adding the requirement that proposals to rescind UW System Administrative policies, procedures, or guidance use a standardized template.
 - In Section 6.B: Removing the references to SYS 2 and SYS 3 and adding a reference to the proposed SYS 1.A procedure which contains updated language to clarify the development and review process for all SYS policies.
 - In Section 7: Updating the list of related documents to ensure titles of attachments are correct and removing SYS 2 and SYS 3 which are proposed for rescission.
 - University Comments and Concerns
 - A commenter from UW-Stout questioned why UW-Madison was not included in the list in the definition of institutions.
 - UW-Madison was unintentionally omitted from the list and has been added.
- [SYS 625, Youth Protection and Compliance \(approved February 19, 2026\)](#)
 - Summary of Policy and Policy Revisions
 - Background of Policy:
 - As background, universities have been serving youth for many years through a variety of activities, including but not limited to educational, athletic, social and recreational experiences. These activities promote individual growth and learning, through the development of skills, talents and social interactions while also exposing youth, parents, and guardians to the university’s facilities and campus life.
 - SYS 625 establishes minimum standards to protect minors engaged in covered activities and third-party youth activities throughout the Universities of Wisconsin. This policy does not supersede any stricter standards set by the university or state and federal law.
 - Recommended Revisions:
 - The recommended revisions to SYS 625 are in response to internal audit findings and observations involving specific language and provisions in the original version, as well as identified areas of improvement from a practitioner’s perspective that will benefit those responsible for complying with the policy.
 - The revisions and edits to this policy do not minimize or change the following key components of providing a safe and secure environment for covered youth activities:
 - All covered youth activities must be documented, tracked and records maintained.
 - All adults serving in a covered activity and all youth participants must be documented and records retained per state records retention laws.
 - All adults serving in a covered activity must be trained and screened according to the level of access they have with youth during the activity.
 - All activities must have clear emergency plans and procedures including plans that are relevant to the particular activity or event.
 - All covered youth activities must be properly insured per type, level and nature of the activity in accordance as set with the university’s requirements.

- All campuses may adopt a youth protection policy that is consistent with SYS 625.
- All third parties conducting youth activities on university property must execute an agreement setting forth specific terms and conditions under which they will conduct the youth activity.
- Proposed changes include:
 - Section 3: This section has been revised to clarify the scope of the policy and what types of activities fall outside the scope.
 - Section 5: Definitions. To align with identified areas of improvement, current terms have been revised or removed, and new terms have been added including: Primary Contact, Public Event, Significant Access, University, and Volunteer.
 - Section 6: In this section, subsections 6.B and 6.I were removed and all following subsections were retitled.
 - Section 6.C (formerly 6.D): Screening. This subsection has been revised to clarify that adults with significant access must be screened in accordance with Regent Policy Document (RPD) 20-19. The primary contact is responsible for ensuring that screening is completed prior to the adult participating in the activity.
 - Section 6.D (formerly 6.E): Training. This subsection has been revised to clarify which adults are required to complete specific trainings. The primary contact is responsible for ensuring that screening is completed prior to the adult participating in the activity.
 - Section 6.E (formerly 6.F): Prohibited Behaviors. This subsection was revised to clarify prohibited behaviors regarding sexual harassment and sexual violence as defined in RPD 14-2 and child abuse and neglect as defined in university policy and state law.
 - Section 6.E.II (formerly 6.G.II): One-on-One Interactions. This subsection was revised to clarify the type of interactions that would be considered allowable and under what restrictions.
 - Section 6.F (formerly 6.G): Supervision of Youth Participants. This subsection was revised to clarify supervision ratios against youth participants and added language that requires at least two adults to accompany youth participants on all field trips offered by the covered activity.
 - Section 6.I (formerly 6.K): Insurance Coverage. This section was revised to clarify that insurance requirements are set by the university's risk management.
 - Section 6.L (formerly 6.P): Third Parties. The bulk of this section was removed from the policy and added to an appendix (Appendix A). New language was added to clarify universities must execute a written contract for third-party youth activities with the provisions outlined in Appendix A.
 - Section 7: Related Documents. This section was updated to include additional resources such as state statute, administrative code, and Appendix A.
 - Appendix A: This appendix was created by moving all third-party youth activities, requirements and contractual obligations to one main appendix for clarity. Following feedback from campuses, the appendix was reformatted to have more distinct sections which were retitled to use letters rather than numbers.
 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). The FAQ tab was removed to eliminate confusion and streamline the policy, as the FAQ was only general best practice guidance, rather than policy procedure.
- University Comments and Concerns
 - Please see the [SYS 625 University Comments and Concerns page](#) for a summary of the feedback received from university stakeholders and how the feedback was addressed.

- [SYS 645, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act \(NAGPRA\) Compliance](#) (approved February 23, 2026)
 - Summary of Policy and Policy Revisions
 - The purpose of this policy is to establish minimum standards for compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) (Public Law 101-601) throughout the University of Wisconsin (UW) System. Specific proposed revisions to the policy include:
 - Throughout the policy, updated terms defined in Section 5, Definitions, to align exactly with the way they are written in that section.
 - Throughout the policy, replaced “collections” with “holdings” as appropriate.
 - In Section 3, changed the required adoption deadline for institution policies to December 15, 2026.
 - In Section 4, updated language to “protection and return” rather than “repatriation and disposition” to align with the current language of the National Park Service.
 - In Section 5, updated listed terms and definitions to align with the current definitions in the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR). Organized into Subsection 5.A, Legal Terms, and Subsection 5.B, Other Terms. Removed listing of full definitions for legal terms from the policy and directed to relevant federal laws and regulations.
 - In Section 6.A.I.2 (bullet 3), updated language to “the Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Repatriation Committee (WITRC) and any requesting Tribal Nations” from “Wisconsin Indian Tribe Officials.”
 - In Section 6.A.I.3 (bullet 5), simplified language around WITRC representation.
 - In Section 6.A.II.1, removed specific reference to “Wisconsin Tribes” and sentence regarding the organization and hosting of joint consultation sessions.
 - In Section 6.B.II, removed item 8. Incorporated requirements into Section 6.B.IV.1.
 - In Section 6.B.IV.1, clarified that reporting is required “annually.”
 - In Section 6.B.IV.2, removed the requirement for the report to also address how the institution intends to comply with 43 CFR 10.13 (Future Applicability).
 - In Section 6.B.IV.3, simplified language around other applicable laws that the oversight and review processes must comply with.
 - In Section 6.B.IV.4, removed language about management of and access to any holding that complies with both tribal guidance and each contract or agreement.
 - In Section 6.B.VI, VII, and VIII, updated language to include “Human Remains (Ancestors)” in addition to “Cultural Items.”
 - In Section 6.B.VIII.2, added language to clarify training requirements and grant an exception for facilitating ceremonies for Authorized Tribal Representatives.
 - In Section 6.B.IX.2, added requirements around tribal consultation and consent prior to analysis, research, scientific investigation, or loan requests for NAGPRA-eligible Human Remains (Ancestors). An exemption can be made where such activity is allowed or required by state or federal law.
 - In Section 6.B.IX.3, added requirements for preliminary assessments of potential Humans Remains (Ancestors) before undertaking analysis, research, or scientific investigation.
 - In Section 6.B.IX.4 (formerly 2), clarified requirements around tribal consultation and consent prior to analysis, research, scientific investigation, or loan requests for objects that have not yet been claimed under the provisions of NAGPRA, but have a reasonable likelihood of being claimed in the future.
 - In Section 6.B.IX.5, added language regarding requirements for determining cultural affiliation under NAGPRA Compliance.

- In Section 6.B.IX.6, added language to “prohibit the analysis, research, scientific investigation, or loan of Human Remains (Ancestors) or Cultural Items that are the subject of a repatriation request or that have been approved for repatriation without permission from a determined lineal descendant or Authorized Tribal Representative(s) for the culturally affiliated Tribes.”
- Removed language in former section 6.B.IX.3 as more details about those requirements are now provided in the new language.
- In Section 6.B.X, clarified which employees require training, added students to training requirements, and clarified that training must occur annually.
- In Section 6.B.XI, clarified that the Unit Representative’s reports to the UW institution Representative and the UW institution Representative’s reports to the UW System NAGPRA Director must be in written format.
- In Section 7, added a link to the Universities of Wisconsin Tribal Relations (NAGPRA) webpage.
- University Comments and Concerns
 - See the [SYS 645 University Comments and Concerns](#) page for a summary of the feedback received from university stakeholders and how the feedback was addressed.

III. New UW System Administrative Procedures

- [SYS 1.A, UW System Administrative Policy, Procedure, and Guidance Development, Review and Approval Process](#) (approved February 23, 2026)
 - Summary of Procedure
 - The purpose of this procedure is to establish a process for the development, revision, review and approval of all UW System Administrative policies, procedures, and guidance. The procedure contains updated language from the SYS 2 and SYS 3 policies, which are proposed for rescission, that reflects the changes to the policy process following the merger of the Academic and Student Affairs Policy Committee and the Finance and General Administration Policy Committee.
 - University Comments and Concerns
 - A commenter from UW-Whitewater recommended the name “Office of UW Extended Campus” in the list of ASAPC membership be changed to “UW Office of Online and Professional Learning Resources.”
 - Office name was changed to “Online and Professional Learning Resources.”

IV. New UW System Administrative Guidance

- [SYS 1 Guidance, Guidance for the Development and Review of UW System Administrative Policies, Procedures, and Guidance](#) (Approved February 23, 2026)
 - Summary of Procedure
 - This guidance supports UW System Administrative Policy 1, Development, Revision, and Approval of UW System Administrative Policies, Procedures, and Guidance, and is intended to help guide Responsible UWSA Officers and their teams in their work on UW System Administrative policies, procedures, and guidance.
 - University Comments and Concerns
 - There were no comments submitted during the university distribution feedback period.

V. Rescinded UW System Administrative Policies

- [SYS 002, Development, Revision, and Approval of Academic and Student Affairs Policies](#) (Rescinded February 23, 2026)
 - Summary of Policy and Rationale for Rescission
 - The purpose of SYS 2, *Development, Revision and Approval of Academic and Student Affairs Policies* was to ensure Academic and Student Affairs policies, procedures, and guidelines are up-to-date, consistent in format and how they are approved, and easily accessible and understandable to stakeholders.
 - In light of changes made to the UW System Administrative policy process in 2025, the UWSA Policy Committee has determined SYS 2 and SYS 3 do not reflect the current state and process, and that there is no longer a need for two separate policies as they would describe the same process; therefore, these policies were rescinded.
 - University Comments and Concerns
 - There were no comments submitted during the university distribution feedback period.
- [SYS 003, Development, Revision, and Approval of Finance and General Administration Policies and Procedures](#) (Rescinded February 23, 2026)
 - Summary of Policy and Rationale for Rescission
 - The purpose of SYS 3, *Development, Revision and Approval of Finance and General Administration Policies and Procedures* was to establish a process for the development, revision, review and approval of all UW System Finance and General Administration Policies and Procedures.
 - In light of changes made to the UW System Administrative policy process in 2025, the UWSA Policy Committee has determined SYS 2 and SYS 3 do not reflect the current state and process, and that there is no longer a need for two separate policies as they would describe the same process; therefore, these policies were rescinded.
 - University Comments and Concerns
 - There were no comments submitted during the university distribution feedback period.

VI. Policies in the Final Stages of Revision

- SYS 910, *Leasing* (Apr. Dist.)
- SYS 910.A, *Leasing Process; Board of Regents as Lessee* (Apr. Dist.)
- SYS 910.B, *Leasing Process; Board of Regents as Lessor* (Apr. Dist.)
- SYS 915, *Financing for UW Managed Capital Projects* (Sep. Dist.)
- SYS 920, *Standards Manual for UW Managed Capital Projects* (Jun. Dist.)
- SYS 999.A, *Acquisition of Real Property Process* (Apr. Dist.)
- SYS 999.B, *Sale of Real Property Process* (Apr. Dist.)
- SYS 1310, *Copyrightable Instructions Materials Ownership Use and Control* (Jan. Dist.)