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Below, please find a listing of all new and revised UW System Administrative policies approved between December 6, 2025, and January 9, 2026. There was one (1) new policy, one (1) revised interim action, two (2) revised policies, one (1) revised procedure, and two (2) rescinded policies.

I. New UW System Administrative Policies

- [SYS 100, *Academic & Student Affairs: General Terms & Definitions* \(approved as of December 19, 2025\)](#)
 - Summary of Policy
 - The purpose of this policy is to provide a list of general terms and definitions that are used in the 100 series of the UW System Administrative policy set as well as additional definitions, as required, to provide clarity and consistency across all UW System Administration information security policies, documents and systemwide initiatives.
 - University Comments and Concerns
 - As these were technical policy revisions, they were not distributed to the universities for comment. The Universities of Wisconsin Policy Committees did not have any feedback from their review.

II. Revised UW System Administrative Policies

- [SYS 100-11, *Interim: UW System Undergraduate Transfer Policy-Guaranteed Transfer Amendments* \(approved as of December 18, 2025\)](#)
 - Summary of Interim Policy 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current amendments to SYS 135 under this interim policy action are intended to address pieces of the policy that are no longer applicable and/or create transfer challenges for students.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.
 - This policy temporarily amends portions of SYS 135, *UW System Undergraduate Transfer Policy*.
 - Summary of Revisions
 - This interim policy action was revised to include extend the expiration date from January 1, 2026 or upon the approval of substantive revisions to SYS 135, whichever is first to March 1, 2026 or upon the approval of substantive revisions to SYS 135, whichever is first.
- [SYS 308, *Budget Amendments* \(approved as of December 18, 2025\)](#)
 - Summary of Policy and Policy Revisions
 - 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 include:
 - Throughout the policy and procedure, makes technical adjustments related to new Workday terminology and processes.
 - Throughout the policy and procedure, changed “transfer” to “amendment.”

- In Section 5 of the policy and Section 3 of the procedure, consolidates definitions into one section for clarity.
- In Section 6 of the policy, clarifies that required shifting of expenditures to other funding sources to avoid year-end overdraft status only applies to GPR funds.
- In Section 6.D of the policy, adds language regarding GPR Revenue Budget Amendments to ensure alignment between budget revenue and expenditures.
- University Comments and Concerns
 - There were no comments submitted during the university distribution feedback period.
- *SYS 314, Financial Management of Auxiliary Operations (approved as of December 9, 2025)*
 - Summary of Policy and Policy Revisions
 - This policy sets forth legal and policy principles applicable to the financial management of auxiliary operations. Revisions include:
 - Throughout the policy, updated to fit current UWSA formatting standards and template. This included the addition of Section 2. Responsible UW System Officers, and Section 9. Scheduled Review.
 - Throughout the policy, made technical adjustments related to new Workday terminology.
 - Throughout the policy, replaced “reserves” with “balances.”
 - Retitled Section 1 (formerly I) from “Introduction” to “Policy Purpose.”
 - Moved content from former Section VI, Compliance to new Section 3, Scope and Institutional Responsibilities and added reference to RPD 21-6, Program Revenue Calculation Methodology and Fund Balances Policy.
 - Moved information on Auxiliary Enterprises from Section 5 (formerly Section III), Definitions to the new Section 4, Background.
 - In Section 5, Definitions, removed references to obsolete statutes, Section 20.285(1)(h) and Section 36.46.
 - Throughout Section 6, removed policy sections related to the obsolete statutes, Section 20.285(1)(h) and Section 36.46.
 - In Section 6.D, clarified that transfers must be approved by the UW Administration Vice President for Finance and Administration.
 - Incorporated previous Section V. Procedures into new Section 6.G.
 - In Attachment 1, updated to reflect procedure for requesting auxiliary transfers.
 - Removed attachments 3 and 4 as they are no longer applicable.
 - University Comments and Concerns
 - There were no comments submitted during the university distribution feedback period.

III. Revised UW System Administrative Procedures

- *SYS 308.A, Budget Amendment Process (approved as of December 18, 2025)*
 - Summary of Procedure and Procedure Revisions
 - 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 include:
 - Throughout the policy and procedure, makes technical adjustments related to new Workday terminology and processes.
 - Throughout the policy and procedure, changed “transfer” to “amendment.”
 - In Section 5 of the policy and Section 3 of the procedure, consolidates definitions into one section for clarity.
 - In Section 6 of the policy, clarifies that required shifting of expenditures to other funding sources to avoid year-end overdraft status only applies to GPR funds.
 - In Section 6.D of the policy, adds language regarding GPR Revenue Budget Amendments to ensure alignment between budget revenue and expenditures.

- University Comments and Concerns
 - There were no comments submitted during the university distribution feedback period.

IV. Rescinded UW System Administrative Policies

- *SYS 605, Loss Fund Operations (approved as of December 11, 2025)*
 - Background Summary of Policy
 - The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and reporting procedures for reimbursement from the Fund 999 in the event of damage to university property.
 - University Comments and Concerns
 - There was no feedback provided during the university distribution.
 - Rationale for Rescission
 - The Office of Risk Management, in consultation with the Office of Finance, has determined that the guidelines and procedures found in this policy would better serve the Universities of Wisconsin as departmental procedures and guidance rather than system policy.
 - The Risk Management procedures can be found in the Risk Management Manual.
 - Additional finance procedures were developed and shared prior to the rescission of this policy.
- *SYS 620, Working in Isolation (approved as of December 9, 2025)*
 - Background Summary of Policy
 - The purpose of this policy is to provide a risk evaluation framework to ensure the safety of faculty, staff and students who work, volunteer or perform for credit activities alone in potentially hazardous environments within, but not limited to campus teaching and research laboratories, studios, workshops and other facilities or environments.
 - Prior to 2020, UWSA offered a customizable working in isolation safety program for the universities to adopt. This approach was, and remains, similar to the approach taken for UWSA's approximately 50 other customizable safety programs that are designed to be modified to meet university specific needs while keeping with regulatory and statutory requirements.
 - A 2020 Laboratory Safety Audit recommended that UWSA adopt a system-level working in isolation policy for laboratories. In response, SYS 620 was created making it UWSA's first and only occupational safety program elevated to a system-level policy, UWSA's approximately 50 other safety programs remain procedures. The newly issued SYS 620 included not only laboratories, but a variety of other locations found on campus and placed several requirements on the universities that were generally beyond those found in statute or regulation.
 - University Comments and Concerns
 - There was no feedback provided during the university distribution.
 - Rationale for Rescission
 - Regent Policy 23-2 assigns chancellors the responsibility for ensuring health, safety, and security at UW universities, including maintaining university-specific policies. To support this, UWSA's Office of Risk Management offers a robust library of approximately 50 safety programs designed to be customized to meet university-specific needs. Only one—SYS 620, Working in Isolation—is a formal system policy.
 - The universities have indicated a desire to better align their working in isolation programs with their university-specific needs, while continuing to meet statutory and regulatory safety standards.
 - As such, UWSA's Office of Risk Management proposes rescinding SYS 620 and returning it to a safety program, once again aligning this topic with the rest of UWSA's occupational safety library. This new program will be implemented immediately following the rescission of SYS 620.

V. Policies in the Final Stages of Revision

- *SYS 645, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Compliance*

- *SYS 910, Leasing*
- *SYS 910.A, Leasing Process; Board of Regents as Lessee*
- *SYS 910.B, Leasing Process; Board of Regents as Lessor*
- *SYS 915, Financing for UW Managed Capital Projects*
- *SYS 920, Standards Manual for UW Managed Capital Projects*
- *SYS 999.A, Acquisition of Real Property Process*
- *SYS 999.B, Sale of Real Property Process*
- *SYS 1214, Catastrophic Leave Program*
- *SYS 1290 Guidance, (Code of Ethics) Nepotism and Consensual Relationships*