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Below, please find a listing of all new and revised UW System Administrative policies approved between April 4, 2026 and May 7, 2026. There was one (1) new interim policy action, four (4) revised UW System Administrative policies, one (1) revised UW System Administrative procedure, and three (3) new UW System Administrative policies.

**I. New UW System Administrative Interim Policy Actions**

- [SYS 600-03, Interim: Accessibility of Web Content and Mobile Applications Effective Date Extension](#) (Approved April 27, 2026; Expires April 26, 2027, or upon substantive revisions to SYS 655, whichever is first)
  - Purpose of interim action
    - [UW System Administrative Policy \(SYS\) 655, Accessibility of Web Content and Digital Applications](#), outlines definitions and establishes Accessibility in Web Content and Mobile Applications Guidance to comply with state and federal nondiscrimination regulations, including [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act](#) and the [Americans with Disabilities Act and Amendments](#). This interim policy action extends the effective date of [SYS 655](#) and the related [Accessibility of Web Content and Digital Applications Guidance](#) to **April 26, 2027**, in alignment with the federal rule on the [Extension of Compliance Dates for Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability: Accessibility of Web Information and Services of State and Local Government Entities](#).

**II. Revised UW System Administrative Policies**

- [SYS 102, Policy on University of Wisconsin System Array Management: Program Planning, Delivery, Review, and Reporting](#) (Approved May 5, 2026)
  - Summary of Policy and Policy Revisions
    - The purpose of this policy is to provide information on planning a new academic degree program, making changes to an existing academic degree program, reviewing and monitoring of academic degree programs, and reporting methods. Proposed revisions include:
      - Reformatted policy to meet UW System Administrative Policy Standards.
      - Definitions will be removed from both the policy and procedural documents. They will be included in a new SYS 100, *Academic & Student Affairs: General Terms and Definitions* policy document.
        - Terminology and definitions have been included in document for review only; full SYS 100 policy will include terms and definitions associated with all Series 100 policies and procedures.
      - Updated terminology throughout document from “program” or “academic program” to “academic degree program” to better match definitions to be included in SYS 100.
      - Updated the name of the “Online Program Planning Form” to “Program Planning Form” and the “Online Implementation Form” to “Implementation Form.”
      - Removed references to templates and guidance documents found in “guidance” and replaced with links to the OAA Academic Affairs webpage that includes the referenced documents.

- Evaluated entire policy to determine if the information contained within the policy document was best suited for the policy document or to be moved to the SYS 102 procedural document(s).
- In Section 6.A.II: The UW System Administration, reformatted the responsibilities of UWSA from a paragraph into a bulleted list.
- In Section 6.A.III: The UW System Provost Council, moved information regarding the work of the Provost Council to SYS 102.A, section 4.A.I
- In Section 6.B.I: Overview of Approval Process, added Background section (6.B.I.1) and Degree types section (6.B.I.2).
- In Section 6.B.II: Associate Degrees, made revisions to remove reference to SYS 115, *Associate Degree Standards*, and include terminology from SYS 115 related to associate degree type offerings.
- Removed section 2.1.2: Outline of the Approval Process in current SYS 102; information was duplicative of section 2.2.
- In Section 6.B.III: Approval to Plan: Notice of Intent, revised language for clarity and to align with SYS 102.A revisions.
- In Section 6.B.IV: Elevation Track: Approval to plan, revised the term “fast-track” submission to “elevation-track” submission. The change in terminology better reflects the action that is occurring, the elevation of a subdegree program to a new academic degree program authorization. The change also acknowledges that the process for consideration of fast-track NOI submissions does not necessarily take less time than a standard track submission, i.e., the process is not “fast”.
- In Section 6.B.V: Standard Track: Approval to Plan, revised language for clarity and to align with SYS 102.A revisions.
- Added Section 6.B.VI: Reduced Credit Bachelor’s Degree: Approval to Plan, to the policy based on recommendations by the Provost Council Reduced Credit Bachelor’s Degree (RCBD) working group.
- In Section 6.B.X: UW System Collaborative (HLC Consortial) programs, moved the former section 6.D, Degree Arrangement Offerings, to before section 6.C.
  - Removed reference to Dual Degree programs and articulation (transfer) agreements.
  - Consolidated the policy and processes regarding withdrawal from (SYS 102, section 6.B.X.3) or dissolution of collaborative programs (SYS 102, section 6.B.X.4).
    - Withdrawing from a collaborative requires a UW university to prepare and submit “withdrawal plan information” to the other UW universities in collaborative, OPLR (if applicable), and OAA (SYS 102, section 6.B.X.3 and SYS 102.B, section 4.M.I.2).
    - Dissolving a collaborative requires the co-creation of the dissolution plan accompanied by memos in support of the dissolution by all involved provosts (SYS 102, section 6.B.X.4 and SYS 102.B, section 4.M.II.2).
    - Separated the withdrawal from or dissolution of a collaborative program, from the authorization of an independent academic degree program, which follows the standard track approval to plan process (SYS 102, section 6.B.V and SYS 102.A, section 4.B.III).
    - Added language that the final decision regarding the withdrawal from or dissolution of a collaborative program will be made with consultation between the VP for Academic and Student Affairs and AVP for Academic Affairs.
- In Section 6.C.I: Notifications, added a section that contains notification processes that are common to all existing academic degree program actions. Reorganization of information aligns with revisions to SYS 102.B.
- Added Section 6.C.II: Developing a Reduced Credit Bachelor’s Degree Based on an Existing Authorized Academic Degree Program, based on recommendations by the Provost Council RCBD working group. It includes the requirements that a reduced credit bachelor’s degree that is developed from an existing traditional bachelor’s degree maintain the same CIP code and include the same learning outcomes and core curriculum.

- In Section 6.C.V.1.a: Redirecting an Academic Degree Program:
  - Added statement indicating that when a UW university provides notice to HLC regarding a substantive change to the curriculum of an academic degree program, notice of the curricular redirect should also be provided to OAA.
  - Removed the 50% threshold for curricular changes requiring a new academic degree program authorization. Instead, language indicates that the recommendation of a new authorization is at the discretion of the AVP for Academic Affairs.
- Added Section 6.C.VIII: Offering an Academic Degree Program at an Additional Location, as a new notification action, aligning with notice provided to HLC.
- Added Section 6.C.IX: Offering UW Coursework or Academic Degree Programs at a Wisconsin Department of Corrections Facility, to provide a process for a UW university to offer programming as part of the UW Coalition for Higher Education in Prison (CHEP).
- In Section 6.C.X.2.b: Process to Suspend Admissions, added a statement regarding academic degree programs that were identified as low enrolling for three consecutive years, for which an improvement plan was indicated, but that saw no increase in junior/senior student enrollment. In such a case, the expectation is that the academic degree program will be taught out and eliminated.
- In Section 6.C.VI.3: Process to Reinstate Admissions, added in language excluding academic degree programs that were identified as low-enrolling with a plan for improvement that showed no enrollment improvement within 3 years.
- In Sections 6.C.III – 6.C.XIII: removed language that was duplicative of what is now included in section 6.C.I: Notifications. This simplified the language related to each action.
- Moved and heavily revised Section 6.D: Degree Offering Arrangements.
  - The information regarding UW collaborative programs was moved up to section 6.B.X and renamed “UW System Collaborative (HLC Consortial) programs.
  - Reference to Dual Degree programs and Transfer agreements (formerly referred to as articulation agreements) was moved to SYS 102.C, section 4.B.II on the material that will be included in the annual report.
- Added Section 6.D.I.4: Review of Low Enrolling Academic Degree Programs.
  - Moved Section 6.D.I.4.a from its previous location in section 6.3.1 (prior SYS 102 policy) under Monitoring.
  - Added Section 6.D.I.4.b to indicate that UW universities are responsible to developing and implementing a policy and process for monitoring low enrolling programs by September 1, 2027.
  - Added Section 6.D.I.4.c which includes the new quantitative metric that was recommended by the Program Elimination Taskforce that will be used to identify low enrolling academic degree programs.
  - Revised Section 6.D.I.5.c to match the language in SYS 175, Accreditation Visits and Reports, regarding providing accreditation schedules, reports, and updates to OAA.
- In Section 6.D.I.6: General Education Programs, revised language to align with the new language based on RPD 4-23, *Core General Education Requirements*, to include the Core General Education Requirements (CGER), and the requirement to notify OAA within 20 business days of a revision to a UW university CGER model.
- In Section 6.E Monitoring Academic Degree Programs, revised language based on the recommendations by the Program Elimination Task Force and to align with revisions to SYS 102.C.
- In Section 6.F.I: University of Wisconsin System Annual Program Planning, Review, and Array Management Report, revised to align policy language with our current practices.
  - Added reference to when OAA will distribute the annual monitoring report to UW universities (Section 6.F.I.1).
  - Added reference to revised SYS 102.C section 4.B related to the data that may be requested during the annual reporting process (section 6.F.I.2).

- In Section 6.G: Schools and Colleges, moved statutory language from definitions section to policy section.
- In Section 6.I: Reference, revised reference documents with the correct document name, and include the two (2) guidance templates and three (3) new program authorization templates.
- University Comments and Concerns
  - See the [SYS 102 Policy and Procedures University Comments & Concerns page](#) for a summary of the feedback received and the responses.
- [SYS 230, Salary & Fringe Benefit Calculations](#) (Approved April 29, 2026)
  - Summary of Policy and Policy Revisions
    - This policy describes the process for calculating salaries and fringe benefits to University of Wisconsin (UW) System employees. Proposed revisions include:
      - Edits to Policy Section 6.N.I to allow flexibility when establishing salary ranges to round to the nearest wage increment utilized by the responsible authority (e.g. nearest whole dollar, nearest hundred dollars, etc.).
      - Edits to Policy Section 6.N.II for FLSA-Exempt employees whose wages are expressed as a salary, for purposes of establishing starting salaries, salary increases pursuant to a pay plan increase, merit increases and any other salary changes, mathematical calculations will be to nearest whole cent. This will allow flat percentage increases to be granted and entered into Workday and the resulting amount would match the percentage increase.
  - University Comments and Concerns
    - UW-Milwaukee responded that Section 6.B. had a typo stating 261 pay periods for A basis contract.
      - No change made. The section actually has a superscript 1 after the 26 as a reference to a footnote.
    - UW-Milwaukee responded asking if the change from current processes noted in Section 6.N. is necessary.
      - The change is necessary. Rounding FLSA exempt salaries to the nearest cent instead of nearest dollar allows for the use of functionality in Workday to grant percentage increases and the resulting calculations matching the percentage being applied.
- [SYS 1277, Compensation](#) (Approved April 29, 2026)
  - Summary of Policy and Policy Revisions
    - The purpose of this policy is to outline parameters for setting and adjusting salaries of University of Wisconsin employees. Revisions to the policy primarily address removing the need to go before the Joint Committee on Employee Relations (JCOER) for a pay plan that is part of the approved biennial budget. There are some additional clarifications included.
      - Edits to section 5. Definitions removing range spread and range mid-point since those terms are not referenced in the policy.
      - Edits to section 6.A.X. clarifying that pay upon appointment is not a salary adjustment and should not be listed in the sequencing of salary adjustments on the same date.
      - Edits to section 6.B.I removes the requirement of going before JCOER.
      - Edits to section 6.C.I removing a reference to an outdated Wisconsin Statute.
      - Edits to section 6.D. removes the requirement of going before JCOER.
  - University Comments and Concerns
    - UW-Milwaukee responded asking if Section 6.E. on temporary base adjustments should reflect new terminology in Workday.
      - No change made. Policy language should not be updated based on language from a software package being used.

- UW-Whitewater responded that Section 6.E.III. refers to overload payments not being allowed on federal grants unless agreed upon in the grant proposal approved by the granting agency, per OMB circular A-21 J.10.d(1). They note that this OMB circular is obsolete and should be updated to OMB 2 CFR 200.430.
  - The policy is being revised accordingly to reflect this update.
- UW-Stout responded that Section 6.E.III. refers to the limit on overloads and this limit should be increased from \$18,000 to reflect a 10% to 20% increase cost of living and salary increases over many years. They suggested updating to between \$20,000 and \$22,000.
  - No change made. Overloads are limited by policy to \$18,000 or 20% of an employee's base salary, whichever is greater. 20% is the practical limit while the \$18,000 does allow employees with a base salary below \$90,000 to have a higher percentage overload limit that is capped at \$18,000. A change to the \$18,000 limit would be considered a substantial revision to this policy and would require additional vetting and starting a new policy change process. The current revisions to this policy are time sensitive to primarily address removing the need to go before the Joint Committee on Employee Relations (JCOER) for a pay plan that is part of the approved biennial budget.
- [SYS 1278, UW System Pay Plan Distribution for the University Workforce](#) (Approved April 29, 2026)
  - Summary of Policy and Policy Revisions
    - This policy provides guidance on the distribution of a general wage adjustment (pay plan) as approved by the legislature and governor as part of the State of Wisconsin biennial budget. Revisions to the policy primarily address not needing to go before the Joint Committee on Employee Relations (JCOER) for a pay plan that is part of the approved biennial budget.
      - Edits to section 4 to remove the requirement of going before JCOER.
      - Edits to section 5:
        - Pay Plan is the General Wage Adjustment approved by the legislature and governor as part of the State of Wisconsin biennial budget.
        - Effective Date is the first day of the payroll period closest to July 1, or first day of the payroll period closest to the date prescribed by law or by the appropriate authority.
        - Implementation Date is the first date of the pay period, on or after the effective date, when pay plan is paid to employees.
      - Edits to Section 6.C. to clarify that all employees in active pay status on payroll at time of implementation of pay plan includes new employees starting on the implementation date.
      - Edits to Section 6.E. removes the option for Chancellors to earmark up to 15% of total pay plan for Chancellor's discretionary use as this would deviate from what was approved by the legislature and governor as part of the State of Wisconsin biennial budget.
      - Edits to section 6.F. to clarify that pay plan increases are applied only to an employee's regular base salary and do not include any temporary salary increases such as temporary work allowances, overloads, period activity pay, temporary base adjustments or any other non-permanent increases to base compensation.
  - University Comments and Concerns
    - UW-Milwaukee responded asking if Section 6.C could be clarified to indicate what happens with pay plan when an existing employee is NOT in active pay status (e.g., due to approved leave of absence) at the time of the implementation date of pay plan.
      - To address this, we have added the following language to Section 6.C: "Staff on full leaves of absence without pay will receive pay plan adjustments upon return from leave of absence assuming eligibility criteria are met and provided performance was satisfactory prior to the commencement of leave."

### III. Revised UW System Administrative Procedure

- [SYS 102.A, New Academic Degree Programs](#) (Approved May 5, 2026)
  - Summary of Procedure and Procedure Revisions
    - The purpose of these procedures is to provide information on planning a new academic degree program. Proposed revisions include:
      - Definitions will be removed from both the policy and procedural documents. They will be included in a new SYS 100, *Academic & Student Affairs: General Terms and Definitions* policy document.
        - Terminology and definitions have been included in document for review only; full SYS 100 policy will include terms and definitions associated with all Series 100 policies and procedures.
      - Updated terminology throughout document from “program” or “academic program” to “academic degree program” to better match definitions to be included in SYS 100.
      - Updated the name of the “Online Program Planning Form” to “Program Planning Form” and the “Online Implementation Form” to “Implementation Form.”
      - Removed references to templates and guidance documents found in “guidance” and replaced with links to the OAA Academic Affairs webpage that includes the referenced documents.
      - Within the procedures, aligned section titles between SYS 102 policy and SYS 102.A procedure document.
      - In Section 4.B, reorganized the information regarding new academic degree programs so that it is hierarchical in terms of degree type, i.e., Associate degree, Bachelor degree, Professional Doctorate.
      - Moved Section 4.B.I: Definition of a New Academic Degree Program, from policy to procedure
        - Modified language relating to changes to curriculum to include that a proposed curricular redirection may be recommended as a new academic degree program authorization at the discretion of the AVP based on evidence of substantive curricular changes. (SYS 102.A, section 4.B.I.5.)
      - In Section 4.B.II: Associate Degree, moved background (section 4.B.II.1) and process (section 4.B.II.2) from the policy (SYS 102, section 2.5) to the procedure.
      - Modified language to remove reference to SYS 115 (SYS 102, section 6.B.II and SYS 102.B, section 4.B.II.1).
      - In Section 4.B.III.1.a added language that the final decision regarding an approval to plan will be made in consultation between the AVP for Academic Affairs and the VP for Academic and Student Affairs.
      - In Sections 4.B.III and 4.B.IV, revised the term “fast-track” submission to “elevation-track” submission. See additional information in SYS 102 summary.
        - Added in language regarding if significant concern is raised to the AVP following the distribution of the elevation-track NOI, the AVP can recommend that the NOI be considered via the standard track, to allow an appeal to be made. (section 4.B.IV.1)
      - In Section 4.B.III Approval to Plan: Notice of Intent, revised language based on the recommendations of the Provost Council NOI/Appeals working group.
        - Created clear distinction regarding the development (section 4.B.III.1) versus submission and distribution (section 4.B.III.2) of the NOI.
        - Revised the NOI submission process so that the document is first submitted to OAA for review and consideration of submission track (standard vs. elevation track submission) before distribution to all provosts.
        - Section 4.B.III.2.e encourages feedback and suggestion on all distributed NOIs independent of a plan to appeal.
      - In Section 4.B.IV.2 Criteria for Elevation Track Eligibility, revised to provide increased clarity as recommended by the Provost Council NOI/Appeals working group.

- In Section 4.B.V.2 the language was updated to mirror the additional language added to section 4.B.III.1.a. The language indicates that final decisions regarding approval to plan a submitted NOI will be made in consultation between the AVP for Academic Affairs and the VP for Academic and Student Affairs.
- In Section 4.B.V Standard Track: Approval to Plan, revised based on recommendations by the Provost Council NOI/Appeals working group.
  - Reorganized and labeled the information to provide clarity regarding the review period and extensions (section 4.B.V.1), the approval to plan process when there are no appeals (section 4.B.V.2), and the appeal process (section 4.B.V.3).
- In Section 4.B.V.3: Appeal, revised the appeals criteria based on recommendations by the Provost Council NOI/Appeals working group.
  - Appeals should be data driven and based on at least one of four identified criteria.
  - Appeals criteria were expanded to include a disproportionate impact on financial investment and/or human resources in addition to the two previously identified criteria of undue enrollment competition and/or a disproportionate impact on capital infrastructure expenditures.
- In Section 4.B.V.4: Appeal Process, revised the appeals process based on recommendations by the Provost Council NOI/Appeals working group.
  - Membership on the Appeal Panel includes designees from the Provost Council with no vested interest in the submitted NOI and was expanded beyond members of the Provost Council to include representatives from the Division of Finance and Administration, the Division of Academic and Student Affairs, and other stakeholders.
  - The period of time between each step in the appeals process was extended from 10 business days to 15 business days.
  - If the appeals panel determines that at least one of the criteria have been met, OAA and OPAR will prepare a program array and demand report that will be provided to the appeal panel and the proposing and appealing provosts.
  - Clarified language regarding communication of the appeal panel's decision by the VP for Academic and Student Affairs to the proposing and appealing provosts.
- Added Section 4.B.VI: Reduced Credit Bachelor's degree: Approval to Plan, to the procedures based on the recommendations by the Provost Council Reduced Credit Bachelor's Degree (RCBD) working group.
  - Criteria for Reduced Credit Bachelor's Degree Eligibility (section 4.B.VI.2) align with elements in the HLC substantive change application.
  - Language was updated to indicate that a UW university must submit rationale for how the proposed program meets all of the indicated criteria, whether the proposed program is a new program (section 4.B.VI) or a reduced credit version of an already existing traditional (120 credit) program (SYS 102.B section 4.A).
- In Section 4.B.VII: Authorization, added language to the authorization narrative section to include, when applicable, the outcome of an appeal and any conditions, limitations, or monitoring required as part of the approval to plan process. (section 4.B.VII.1.a.ii)
- University Comments and Concerns
  - See the [SYS 102 Policy and Procedures University Comments & Concerns page](#) for a summary of the feedback received and the responses.

#### **IV. New UW System Administrative Procedures**

- [SYS 102.B, Changes to Existing Academic Degree Programs](#) (Approved May 5, 2026)
  - Summary of Procedure
    - The purpose of these procedures is to provide information on reporting changes to an existing academic degree program.

- These new procedures were previously incorporated in the related policy [SYS 102, Policy on University of Wisconsin System Array Management: Program Planning, Delivery, Review, and Reporting](#) and procedure SYS 102.A, *New Academic Degree Programs, Changes to Academic Degree Programs, and Additional SYS 102 Items*. Proposed revisions to existing content includes:
  - Definitions will be removed from both the policy and procedural documents. They will be included in a new SYS 100, *Academic & Student Affairs: General Terms and Definitions* policy document.
    - Terminology and definitions have been included in document for review only; full SYS 100 policy will include terms and definitions associated with all Series 100 policies and procedures.
  - Updated terminology throughout document from “program” or “academic program” to “academic degree program” to better match definitions to be included in SYS 100.
  - Updated the name of the “Online Program Planning Form” to “Program Planning Form” and the “Online Implementation Form” to “Implementation Form.”
  - Within the procedures, aligned section titles and organization between SYS 102 policy and SYS 102.B procedure document.
  - Added Section 4.A: Developing a Reduced Credit Bachelor’s Degree (RCBD) Based on an Existing Authorized Academic Degree Program, to the SYS 102.B procedures based on recommendations by the Provost Council RCBD working group.
    - Since the development of a RCBD represents a notification process rather than a new academic degree program process, these procedures specify which elements of the existing authorized academic degree program must be maintained to qualify as a notice rather than new program (section 4.A.I).
    - This type of notification requires discussion of the RCBD program development at a Provost Council meeting following submission of materials to OAA and distribution to provosts for consideration (section 4.A.II). This step is important to maintain the transparency in developing RCBD programs and allows for feedback to be provided and concerns to be raised prior to the submission of notice of action.
    - Added a note regarding the linkage of the traditional (parent) and reduced credit bachelor’s degree specifying that redirect changes to either format will apply to both versions (section 4.A.II).
    - Added a note indicating that the AVP for Academic Affairs may requires additional information and/or determine that a new program authorization is required.
  - In Section 4.B: Notification of Other Changes to Existing Programs, added a section that contains notification processes and program elements that are common to all change actions for all degree types. Added that additional information may be requested prior to the issuing of a notification memo.
  - Revised Sections 4.C – 4.N to remove the required elements that are requested of all change actions and instead focus on required elements that are specific to the requested action. Additionally, required elements were revised to align with requirements present in Program Planning Form. These sections were reorganized so that similar actions are found in sequence in the procedures.
  - In Section 4.E: Redirecting an Academic Degree Program, modified language relating to curricular change to indicate that if a curricular change requires a substantive change notice to HLC, OAA should also be notified. Removed the 50% threshold and added in the discretion of the AVP. This change was made because it was unclear what the 50% change was being compared to (e.g., the original authorization, the most recent redirection, the most recent HLC accreditation) and the timeline in which the changes were to have occurred.
    - The note in section 4.E.II.1 that indicated HLC and/or BOR approval may be required when redirecting an academic degree program due to duplication with section 4.E.III.

- In Section 4.F: Change to a Program's Mode of Delivery, added in language related to the discretion of the AVP to recommend a new program authorization if the additional modality results in substantive changes to the curriculum.
- In Section 4.G: Adding or Eliminating Competency-Based Education Delivery, reorganized the information so that it follows changes to a program's mode of delivery.
- In Section 4.H: Offering an Academic Degree Program at an Additional Location, added in language requiring notice to OAA when an additional location request is submitted to HLC.
- In Section 4.I: Offering UW Coursework or Programs at a Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) Facility, added in language related to the Prison Education Program and notice to OAA regarding the additional location.
- Heavily revised and reorganized Section 4.M: Withdrawing from or Dissolving a UW System Collaborative (HLC Consortial) Program, to clarify these processes.
  - Withdrawing from a collaborative requires a UW university to prepare and submit "withdrawal plan information" to other UW universities in collaborative, OPLR (if applicable), and OAA. (SYS 102.B section 4.M.I.2)
  - Dissolving a collaborative requires the co-creation of the dissolution plan accompanied by memos in support of the dissolution by all involved provosts. (SYS 102.B section 4.M.II.2)
  - The authorization of an independent academic degree program following withdrawal from or dissolution of the collaborative program is now a separate process and following the development of a new academic degree program. (SYS 102.B section 4.M note.)
- In Section 4.N: Unpublishing or Republishing Academic Degree Programs, made a small revision to section 4.N.II that the CIP code used for publishing an undeclared major must be associated with another academic degree program offered by the university.
  - Within the procedures, aligned section titles between SYS 102 policy and SYS 102.A procedure document.
- University Comments and Concerns
  - See the [SYS 102 Policy and Procedures University Comments & Concerns page](#) for a summary of the feedback received and the responses.
- [SYS 102.C, Monitoring and Reporting Academic Degree Programs](#) (Approved May 5, 2026)
  - Summary of Procedure
    - The purpose of these procedures is to provide information regarding the monitoring of low-enrolling programs.
    - These new procedures were previously incorporated in the related policy [SYS 102, Policy on University of Wisconsin System Array Management: Program Planning, Delivery, Review, and Reporting](#) and procedure SYS 102.A, *New Academic Degree Programs, Changes to Academic Degree Programs, and Additional SYS 102 Items*.
    - All revisions to the SYS 102.C procedural document and the associated sections of the SYS 102 policy document are based on the recommendations by the Program Elimination Taskforce. Proposed revisions to existing content includes:
      - Definitions will be removed from both the policy and procedural documents. They will be included in a new SYS 100, *Academic & Student Affairs: General Terms and Definitions* policy document.
        - Terminology and definitions have been included in document for review only; full SYS 100 policy will include terms and definitions associated with all Series 100 policies and procedures.
      - Updated terminology throughout document from "program" or "academic program" to "academic degree program" to better match definitions to be included in SYS 100.
      - Updated the name of the "Online Program Planning Form" to "Program Planning Form" and the "Online Implementation Form" to "Implementation Form."

- In Section 1: Purpose of Procedures, updated the purpose to reflect the separation of the procedural documents and included the metric used for identifying low-enrolling programs for monitoring.
- In Section 4.A.I.1, added in subparagraph a which indicates that the low enrollment metric will be used in the annual reporting process effective for academic year 2026-27.
- In Section 4.A.I.4: UW System Administration Monitoring Role and Responsibility, revised language to include a presentation to the Board of Regents regarding the UW university monitoring process in addition to the annual report that is prepared by the Office of Academic Affairs.
  - The information prepared and presented to the BOR will include the terminology relevant to the monitoring discussion (section 4.A.I.4.a), a complete academic degree program array for each UW university including identified low-enrolling academic degree programs (section 4.A.I.4.b), and a report on the status of low-enrollment academic degree programs selected for continuation or suspension/elimination (section 4.A.I.4.c).
- In Section 4.A.II University Monitoring Role and Responsibility, revised the requirement for UW universities to develop and implement an Annual Program Monitoring Policy and Process that will be used to evaluate academic degree programs that are identified as low-enrolling.
  - Section 4.A.II.1 includes the due date, September 1, 2027, for the development and implementation of the new university policy.
  - Section 4.A.II.1.a indicates that the low-enrollment metric will be using following the implementation of the UW university policy September 1, 2027.
  - Section 4.A.II.1.b indicates the required components including response pathways and defines the guidance considerations for each pathway.
    - Removed language that was recommended by the taskforce related to allowing 10% of low-enrolling programs to continue as is with annual monitoring. Instead, language was added regarding the discretion of the VP for Academic and Student Affairs to require additional justification for continuing a program without an improvement plan or suspension/elimination.
  - Section 4.A.II.1.c includes additional components that should be considered in the new policy development.
  - Section 4.A.II.3 provides details on the reporting of the response pathways selected by the UW university for each identified low-enrolling academic degree program, as part of the existing annual reporting process.
    - Section 4.A.II.3.b outlines the required reporting elements for low-enrolling academic degree programs that were selected for continuation with a plan for improvement.
    - Section 4.A.II.3.c indicates that UW universities should provide enrollment trends on all students enrolled in the indicated academic degree program, disaggregated by student level.
    - Section 4.A.II.3.d indicates that UW universities have three (3) years for low-enrolling academic degree programs that were selected for continuation with a plan for improvement to show increased enrollment.
- In Section 4.B: Annual Report, revised language to include reporting of the complete program array of each UW university (section 4.B.I) and provides other data (section 4.B.II) that is often requested through the annual reporting process.
  - Specifically included transfer agreements and dual degree agreements, additional locations (SYS 102.B, section 4.H), and outcomes of conditions imposed on a new academic degree program following an NOI appeal (SYS 102.A, section 4.B.IV.g).

- University Comments and Concerns
  - See the [SYS 102 Policy and Procedures University Comments & Concerns page](#) for a summary of the feedback received and the responses.
- [SYS 102.D, Changes to Schools, Colleges, and Mission](#) (Approved May 5, 2026)
  - Summary of Procedure
    - The purpose of these procedures is to provide information on planning a new academic degree program; making changes to UW university school, college, or mission statement.
    - These new procedures were previously incorporated in the related policy [SYS 102, Policy on University of Wisconsin System Array Management: Program Planning, Delivery, Review, and Reporting](#) and procedure SYS 102.A, *New Academic Degree Programs, Changes to Academic Degree Programs, and Additional SYS 102 Items*. No substantive changes were made to the existing content. Technical changes include:
      - Definitions will be removed from both the policy and procedural documents. They will be included in a new SYS 100, *Academic & Student Affairs: General Terms and Definitions* policy document.
        - Terminology and definitions have been included in document for review only; full SYS 100 policy will include terms and definitions associated with all Series 100 policies and procedures.
      - Updated terminology throughout document from “program” or “academic program” to “academic degree program” to better match definitions to be included SYS 100.
      - Updated the name of the “Online Program Planning Form” to “Program Planning Form” and the “Online Implementation Form” to “Implementation Form”.
  - University Comments and Concerns
    - See the [SYS 102 Policy and Procedures University Comments & Concerns page](#) for a summary of the feedback received and the responses.

## V. Policies in the Final Stages of Revision

- SYS 342, *Extramural Support Administration* (Mar. Dist.)
- SYS 805, *Tuition and Fees Policies for Credit Instruction* (Mar. Dist.)
- 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.)