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Below, please find a listing of all new and revised UW System Administrative policies approved between July 6, 2026, and August 7, 2026. There were two (2) new UW System Administrative interim policy and guidance documents, and one (1) new UW System Administrative policy.

I. New UW System Administrative Interim Policy & Guidance

SYS 100-Interim 14, *Interim: Lawton Undergraduate Minority Retention Grant Program Suspension and Fund Reallocation* (approved July 3, 2026; expires December 31, 2026)

- Summary of Interim Policy
 - The purpose of this interim policy action is to temporarily rescind UW System Administrative Policy 170, *Lawton Undergraduate Minority Retention Grant Program*, and to direct UW System institutions on the appropriate reallocation of funds following the discontinuance as of **June 18, 2026**.

SYS 100-Interim 15, *Interim: Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP)/Advanced Opportunity Fellowship (AOF) Implementation Guidance* (approved July 3, 2026; expires December 31, 2026)

- Summary of Interim Guidance
 - This interim guidance is intended to assist Universities of Wisconsin (UW) institutions in implementing the Advanced Opportunity Program (AOP)/Advanced Opportunity Fellowship (AOF) grant programs for graduate students, and to clarify that as of June 18, 2026, the consideration of “minority” status under Wis. Stat. § 36.25(14) cannot be used to determine eligibility.
 - The purpose of this interim guidance action is to modify the “UW SYSTEM GUIDELINES – ADVANCE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (AOP)” guidance document and to direct those UW System institutions on the appropriate future reallocation of funds following the June 18, 2026 discontinuance.

II. New UW System Administrative Policies

SYS 650, *Public Records Management Roles and Responsibilities* (approved July 22, 2026; effective September 1, 2027)

- Summary of Policy
 - To maintain accountability and to preserve the trust the public and students place in UW System, records must be maintained legally as evidence of our work, decisions, and behavior. Like all state agencies, UW System must adhere to [Wis. Stat. § 16.61](#), which ultimately governs the length of time public records must be kept and how these records must be disposed of or transferred to university archives. Unauthorized disclosure, alteration, or destruction of records constitutes a serious breach of public trust and risks legal and reputational harm to UW System.
 - Per [Wis. Stat. § 16.61](#) all employees of the state of Wisconsin are obligated to manage records according to records schedules approved by the Wisconsin Public Records Board. However,

most employees are unaware of the records schedules that apply to their records and therefore are not in compliance with this obligation. The key requirement of this policy is for units to create, maintain, and adhere to a unit records management plan. The unit records management plan:

- Identifies the types of records created and managed by their staff and all associated records schedules.
 - Identifies how those types of records are organized and ensures that all pertinent records are stored centrally instead of on individual drives, devices, or accounts.
 - After initial creation, employees will have unit records management plans available for their use which will increase awareness and overall compliance with records management obligations. The unit records management plan will also significantly decrease the time and effort of each individual employee to meet these obligations. Records management plans will help to secure records by identifying those records that require additional protections due to containing personally identifiable or other confidential information required by statute. Records management plans will also be greatly useful in preserving records management functions with staff turnover.
- University Comments and Concerns
 - UW-Green Bay, UW-Stout, and UW-Madison commented on the need for clarification of the citation for the training requirement.
 - The citation for the training requirement was removed. The training section was changed to, "Records management training will be available to all employees." An online records management training will be launched with this policy and will be available to all employees.
 - UW-Madison made several wording and grammatical suggestions.
 - These changes were incorporated.
 - UW-La Crosse commented on a concern for the student records schedule being out of date.
 - Concerns with records schedules are separate from this policy and should be discussed with the university records officer. Records schedules are approved by the Wisconsin Public Records Board for ten years and can be additionally extended while being updated. The student records schedule is currently in the process of being updated and will be submitted to the public records board for approval when ready.

III. Policies & Procedures 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 915, *Financing for UW Managed Capital Projects* (Sep. Dist.)
- SYS 999.A, *Acquisition of Real Property Process* (Apr. 2025 Dist.)
- SYS 999.B, *Sale of Real Property Process* (Apr. 2025 Dist.)
- SYS 1000, *Information Security: General Terms and Definitions* (Jun. Dist.)
- SYS 1039, *Information Security: Risk Management* (Apr. Dist.)
- SYS 1039.A, *Information Security: IT Risk Management Standard* (Apr. Dist.)
- SYS 1039.B, *Information Security: Risk Acceptance and Policy Exception Reporting* (Apr. Dist.)
- SYS 1310, *Copyrightable Instructions Materials Ownership, Use, and Control* (Jan. Dist.)