
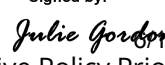




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Re: Fiscal Year 2027 University of Wisconsin System Administrative Policy Priorities

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an accounting of the policy work completed in fiscal year 2026 and to notify universities of the University of Wisconsin System Administrative (SYS) policies and procedures that are scheduled for revision or development during fiscal year 2027. A listing of the monthly distribution dates for fiscal year 2027 is provided at the end of this memorandum. All SYS policies, procedures, and guidance documents for review that month will be distributed in a single email on these dates to minimize the burden on campus stakeholders who may wish to provide feedback.

In fiscal year 2026, 63 SYS policies, procedures, and guidance documents were approved. This included one (1) new SYS policy, five (5) new interim actions, and 48 policy revisions. Additionally, four (4) new SYS procedures, four (4) procedure revisions, and one (1) new guidance document were approved. Lastly, six (6) policies, procedures, or guidance were rescinded.

FY 2026 Policy Initiatives

The University of Wisconsin System Administration (UWSA) undertook multiple initiatives to enhance the policy process. This work included:

- Presenting the SYS policy process to the combined shared governance groups to increase transparency;
- Presenting at UW Law Days on UW policy development drafting best practices, stakeholder engagement and implementation;
- Finalizing a checklist for UW System policy development to assist policy owners through the drafting process and ensuring that all stakeholders are considered;
- Updating the policy style guide and orientation guide to match the updated operational policy changes;
- Assisting the Division of Academic and Student Affairs by participating in working groups and assisting with drafting interim actions related to Act 15;
- Developing a new distribution list for interested campus stakeholders to subscribe to directly receive monthly distributions; and
- Updating quarterly a list of SYS and RPD requirements for universities to aid campuses with compliance.

FY 2027 Policy Priorities

Below is a list of SYS policy priorities for fiscal year 2027. The policies were identified as high priority due to the policy's content, the last revision date, or other emergent factors (e.g., changes to federal or state regulation, audit findings). University leadership and Shared Governance Representatives were asked to provide input on SYS policy priorities that should be undertaken by UWSA in the coming year. Comments were given to UWSA policy owners for final consideration in this plan's development. Our thanks to your staff for their time in developing the attached priorities.

Where possible, the quarter that the policy work is expected to begin is indicated to allow universities to plan and allocate resources to comment on draft policies. As necessary, policy owners will work with the Board of Regents Office to update Regent Policy Documents in conjunction with relevant SYS policies. Procedures associated with policies under revision will also be reviewed and drafts distributed with the relevant policies as necessary. Plans to develop new procedures are listed in the priorities below.

The list below is not exhaustive, as new issues may arise as the year progresses, leading to other policy matters taking precedence. As we become aware of such issues, we will do our best to inform the universities in our Quarterly Policy Priorities Update memos (sent in October, January, and April). Information on when draft SYS policies are available for comment or when a SYS policy or procedure has been approved can be found on the [UW Policies webpage](#) and will be shared directly with applicable stakeholder groups.

Policy Priorities by Policy Area

Academic & Student Affairs (100 series)

- SYS 105, *Universities of Wisconsin Core General Education Requirements* **[New, Q1/Q2]**
- SYS 110, *Criteria and Approval of Wisconsin Technical College Liberal Arts and Pre-professional Transfer Programs* **[Revise, Q1/Q2]**
- SYS 135, *UW System Undergraduate Transfer Policy* **[Revise, Q1/Q2]**
- SYS 138, *Award of Credit by Prior Learning Assessment* **[Revise, Q2]**
- SYS 140, *UW System Templates for Articulation Agreements Between UW System Institutions and WTCS Districts* **[Revise, Q1/Q2]**
- SYS 145, *Development and Operation of Off-Campus International and Study Away Educational Programs for University of Wisconsin System Students* **[Revise, Q2]**
- SYS 146, *University of Wisconsin System Faculty and Academic Staff for Study Abroad and Study Away* **[Revise, Q2]**
- SYS 148, *Development and Operation of Contractual Training and Sponsored Students Programs* **[Rescind]**
- SYS 155, *Faculty Development and Renewal – The 1970's and Beyond* **[Revise, Q3]**
- SYS 156, *Guidelines for Faculty Retraining, Renewal, and Development* **[Revise, Q3]**
- SYS 157, *Faculty Development and Renewal – A System Policy for Faculty Transfer and Exchange* **[Revise, Q3]**
- SYS 160, *Faculty Sabbatical Program* **[Revise, Q2]**
- SYS 185, *Awarding of UW System Credit in Wisconsin Schools* **[Revise, Q4]**

Human Resources (200 series)

- SYS 220, *Affirmative Action Data Collection* **[Revise, Q2]**
- SYS 232, *Benefit Prepay Deductions and Short Work Break Eligibility* **[Revise, Q1]**
- SYS 237, *Utilization of Borrowed Employees/Employee Interchange Agreements* **[Revise, Q3]**

Financial Administration (300 series)

- SYS 306, *Accounting and Budget Control* **[Revise, Q2]**
- SYS 322, *Physical Plant Services Chargebacks* **[Revise, Q4]**

- SYS 323, *Maintenance Repair and Operations Inventory* [**Revise, Q4**]
- SYS 342, *Extramural Support Administration* [**Revise, Q1**]
- SYS 344, *Extramural Support for Instructional Programs* [**Revise**]
- SYS 350, *Payment Card Compliance Policy* [**Revise, Q3**]

Procurement (500 series)

- SYS 520, *Board of Regents Procurement Authority* [**Revise, Q2**]
- SYS 520.A, *Allowable Ways to Purchase* [**New, Q2**]
- SYS 520.B, *Board Procurement Delegation* [**New, Q2**]
- SYS 521, *Authority to Sign Procurement Contracts in the UW System* [**Revise, Q2**]
- SYS 540, *Non-Competitive Procurement Contracts* [**Revise, Q2**]

Risk Management & Compliance (600 series)

- SYS 615, *Vehicle Use and Driver Authorization* [**Revise, Q1**]
- SYS 640, *Foreign Gifts and Contracts Reporting* [**Revise, Q2**]

Health & Safety (700 series)

- SYS 7XX, *Vaccine Disclosure Policy* [**New**]

Tuition and Fees (800 series)

- SYS 810, *Study Abroad and Study Away Programs* [**Revise, Q2**]
- SYS 825, *Special Course Fees* [**Revise, Q4**]

Capital Planning & Budget (900 series)

- SYS 910, *Leasing* [**Revise, Q2**]
- SYS 910.B, *Leasing Process: Board of Regents as Lessor* [**New, Q2**]
- SYS 920, *Standards Manual for UW Managed Capital Projects* [**Revise, Q2**]

Information Security (1000 series)

- SYS 1000, *Information Security: General Terms & Definitions* [**Revise, Q3**]
- SYS 1030, *Information Security: Identity and Access Management* [**Revise, Q2**]
- SYS 1033, *Information Security: Incident Response* [**Revise, Q1**]
- SYS 1038, *Information Security: Network Protection* [**Revise Q4**]
- SYS 1040, *Information Security: Privacy Policy* [**Revise Q3**]

University Personnel System Operational Policies (1200 series)

- SYS 1217, *Non-Medical Leaves of Absence* [**Revise, Q3**]
- SYS 1290, *Code of Ethics* [**Revise, Q2**]

FY 2027 University Policy Distribution Dates

- July 24, 2026
- August 21, 2026
- September 25, 2026
- October 23, 2026
- November 20, 2026
- December 18, 2026
- January 22, 2027
- February 19, 2027
- March 19, 2027
- April 23, 2027
- May 21, 2027
- June 25, 2027