

Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee

FY 2027 Work Plan and Calendar

ONGOING CHARGE

- Review all academic proposals that require formal Board of Regents' action, and make a recommendation to approve or disapprove to the full Board;
- Review existing policies and recommend new policies relating to academic programs, research, and student services;
- Review policies that pertain to college access and success, including the interface of student financial aid policies with admissions and other academic policies;
- Coordinate requests for institutional data in the academic, research, and student affairs areas;
- Review MUS policies and commitment to American Indian and Minority Achievement;
- Review online learning proposals and policies; and
- Assume other tasks, as assigned by the full Board of Regents.

WORK PLAN *(priority areas targeted for FY27)*

1. MUS Success Agenda and Shared Policy Goals

- Support finalization of 2025 Shared Policy Goals with the legislature and develop 2027 goals.
- Participate in MUS strategic initiatives for FY 27, including 1) Resident Student Access, 4) Retention, 5) Research, 6) Seamless Education, and 7) Artificial Intelligence

2. Academic Planning

- Implement the board's framework and metrics for new program approval and ongoing review of the MUS academic program inventory.
- Update technology to support MUS academic planning and approval.
- Monitor national changes to accreditation and development of reduced credit bachelors degrees and propose MUS frameworks as necessary.

3. Teaching, Learning and Student Success

- Support ongoing work to enhance students' early math and writing success, including through implementation of MUS math pathways and coordination with K12 on math and writing success interventions.
- Develop learning and success framework for academic advising, building on work of the Montana 10 student success program, legislatively supported institutional innovation projects, and campus models.
- Expand the Montana Online Course Exchange and improve guidelines that facilitate academic collaboration.

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4. Research and Innovation

- Revise Montana's state science and technology plan.
- Monitor impacts of federal budget and policy changes on the system research enterprise and coordinate strategic response.

5. Student Health and Wellbeing

- Implement and provide updates on year 1 of the MUS student health and wellbeing strategic planning process and review recommendations.

CALENDAR

September 2025

- Request to Plan academic items - Action
- Annual academic planning and priorities report
- Annual accreditation report

November 2025

- Request to Plan academic items - Action
- Academic program review report
- Honorary Doctorates
- Research data report
- AI Update

March 2026

- Request to Plan academic items - Action
- Honorary Doctorates
- American Indian and Minority Achievement report

May 2026

- Request to Plan academic items - Action
- AI update
- Seamless System and distance education update and report
- Montana Science and Technology Plan