UNIVERSITY GENERAL RECORDS
RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE
DEPARTMENT/UNIT ALUMNI RECORDS

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I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

This retention schedule represents the official University of Wisconsin-Madison policy with regard to the retention and disposition of records and information and has the approval of the Campus Records Review Group (CRRG) and the Wisconsin Public Records Board (PRB). The PRB is the statutory body with the responsibility to safeguard the financial, legal, administrative, and historical interests of the State in the disposition of records through the review of records schedules prepared by State agencies.

This retention schedule also provides guidance to University of Wisconsin-Madison employees regarding what does and does not comprise a public record. The UW-Madison campus must manage all records to ensure systematic control from creation or receipt through processing, distribution, maintenance, retrieval, retention and final disposal.

II. SCOPE:

This schedule pertains to the records and information arising from currently understood UW-Madison record policies and procedures. It applies to all such records regardless of format or media. While an attempt has been made to describe the records in commonly used terms, there may be instances in which the schedule does not reflect the exact title or name used by a given department. If offices or departments cannot determine by the descriptive information provided on each item whether a given departmental record is covered or not, they should contact the University Records Officer. An attempt has been made to include all records commonly required or used within the University campus. However, as processes change, forms may be modified and new ones created, and documentation requirements may also change. This schedule will be reviewed periodically to insure that it is kept as up-to-date as possible. This schedule applies to all organizational units of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and any attached entities that are required to follow UW-Madison policies.

III. SUSPENSION OF THE RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

Records may be delayed from disposition/destruction only under the following conditions:

1. Particular records have been identified as needed for a financial or performance audit.

2. Records that are required for legal proceedings are held under a "litigation hold" for an actual or imminent legal proceeding. Imminent meaning legal action is anticipated or there is reasonable expectation thereof.

3. An open records request has been received and not completed.
4. It is the responsibility of the office holding the record to determine if an audit, litigation, or an open record request is pending, before disposing of the records.

IV. UTILITY AND FUNCTION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT

a. Minimum Retention Established and Permanent Retention Procedure. The records retention schedules included within this document establish minimum retention periods for each type of record. The disposition of each record is assumed to be destruction after its minimum retention period or transfer to the UW Archives.

b. Materials That Comprise Public Records. Under Wisconsin law, many materials comprise public records performing the transaction of public business on behalf of the University Campus. Under WI SS 16.31, defines Public records’ means all books, papers, maps, photographs, films, recordings, optical disks, electronically formatted documents or other documentary materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made, or received by any state agency or its officers or employees in connection with the transaction of public business.

c. Materials That Do Not Comprise Public Records. Under Wisconsin law, many materials do not comprise public records. Therefore, non-records should be retained only so long as they are useful as a resource for performing the transaction of public business on behalf of the University Campus. Thereafter, in the interest of efficiency and proper resource management, they should be destroyed. WI SS 16.31 "Record" does not include Duplicate copies of materials the original copies of which are in the custody of the University and which are maintained only for convenience or reference and for no other substantive purpose. Materials in the possession of a library or museum made or acquired solely for reference or exhibition purposes; Notices or invitations received by the University that were not solicited by the University and that are not related to any official action taken, proposed or considered by the University; Drafts, notes, preliminary computations and like materials prepared for the originator's personal use or prepared by the originator in the name of a person for whom the originator is working; Routing slips and envelopes.

d. Preservation of Historical Documents. Historically, University records have been preserved in paper files. Presently, however, advances in technology are beginning to present a viable alternative to paper records: electronic data stored in many electronic systems. Thus, unlike paper records, with the passage of time electronic records lose information as it randomly slips away in bite-sized chunks, unless software updates are consistently purchased, installed, and maintained.

Because of this aspect of information technology systems, records storage within an information system must comply with the legal requirements set forth in Regent Policy Document 3-2: University of Wisconsin System Public Records Management; and Chapter Administrative 12: Electronic Records Management-Standards and Requirements.
Please carefully review these documents prior to storing official copies of public records upon information systems and if you have questions or concerns, then please seek assistance from the Records Officer.

**Using the Schedule**
- Use the table to locate the record series item.
- Identify whether you are the holder of the official, department, or copy of the record.
- Implement the retention and disposition noted at the level of record you hold.
- If you are uncertain about the records series item or your responsibility for it, contact the Records Officer for clarification.
- Retention periods and disposition methods outlined in this document have been reviewed and approved by both University (CRRG) and State Public Records Board.

**This Schedule covers the following record series.**

**GRS01696 Unit/Department Alumni Records**

This record series consists of records held at the school or college level that include, but not limited to, listing of alumni of the school or college, correspondences, materials on alumni, addresses, employer names and addresses, promotional materials for school events or celebrations, some professional schools may rely on alumni files for providing required professional licensing requirements.

Some of these records may also be held in the Wisconsin Alumni Association, but should be considered as independent of the campus alumni operation.

**RETENTION:** Retain until no longer of administrative value to the school or college, then transfer to Campus Archives for archival evaluation

**Disposition:** Transfer to UW-Archives for review and evaluation.

**PII:** Yes  
**Confidential:** Yes

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