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**Senate Committee on Universities and Technical Colleges  
Assembly Bill 848/Senate Bill 719  
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Red Tape Review bill: University of Wisconsin System/Regents/Colleges and Extension

Chairperson Harsdorf and Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my support for our red tape review bills.

Last session, the Assembly began reviewing nearly 2,000 chapters of the Wisconsin Administrative Code to cut government red tape, remove burdensome rules, and simplify the code to improve everyday lives for our state's citizens.

Assembly Bill 848 pertains mainly to the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System. I requested recommendations from the UW System on outdated language, rules and references. After an Informational Hearing in the Assembly Committee on Colleges and Universities, I drafted legislation to clean up these areas of the Administrative Code. The bill before you accomplishes this clean-up effort.

Thank you for your attention.

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UWS Admin. Code Chp. #	UWS Admin. Code Citation	Change requested (Amend/Delete/Addition)	Rationale
UWS 1 Definition of Terms used in UWS Chs. 1 - 6	UWS 1.01 - Academic staff definition	Delete reference to "classified staff," add "university staff"	Classified staff are now known as university staff. Statutory changes were made by 2015 Act 55 to recognize this change.
UWS 2 Faculty Rules; Coverage & Delegation	UWS 2.01 - Rules	Delete the following language: "and may elect to be considered for tenure according to the procedures existing under that appointment or under rules and procedures in effect at the time of consideration"	The language is now obsolete because all faculty members appointed under pre-1971 laws have already been considered for tenure.
UWS 3 Faculty appointments	UWS 3.01(1) - Types of appointments	Delete "under ss. 36.13 and 36.15 Stats."	Section 36.13 was repealed. Section 36.15 covers academic staff appointments, not faculty appointments.
	UWS 3.06(1)(a) - Renewal of appointments and granting of tenure	Delete "pursuant to s. 36.13(5) Stats."	Section 36.13 was repealed by 2015 Act 55.
	UWS 3.09(1) - Notice periods	Delete "pursuant to s. 36.13(5) Stats."	Section 36.13 was repealed by 2015 Act 55.
UWS 4 Faculty procedures for dismissal	UWS 4.02 (3) - Responsibility for Charges	Add "by electronic means" to allow this method of service in addition to the currently allowed personal service or by certified mail.	Updating this provision to permit service by electronic means would be consistent with changes to other sections of the Admin. Code.
UWS 6 Faculty complaints and grievances	UWS 6.01 - Complaints	Delete reference to "classified staff," add "university staff"	Classified staff are now known as university staff. Statutory changes were made by 2015 Act 55 to recognize this change.
UWS 8 Unclassified code of ethics	UWS 8.02(5) - Definitions	Change to: "Chancellor means the chief executive officer of an institution."	The suggested definition of the term "chancellor" is the same as in <i>Wis. Stat.</i> § 36.05(5).
UWS 11 Dismissal of Academic Staff for Cause	UWS 11.02(2)	Add "by electronic means" to allow this method of service in addition to the currently allowed personal service or by certified mail.	Updating this provision to permit service by electronic means would be consistent with changes to other sections of the Admin. Code.
UWS 13 [Academic Staff] Complaints and Grievances	UWS 13.01 - Definitions	Delete reference to "classified staff," add "university staff"	Classified staff are now known as university staff. Statutory changes were made by 2015 Act 55 to recognize this change.
UWS 14 Student Academic Disciplinary Procedures	UWS 14.02(10) - Definition of institution	Delete "or center" and replace with "or college"	The University of Wisconsin centers are now the UW colleges.
	UWS 14.07 (5)(b) - Disciplinary sanction imposed following a report of academic misconduct by the investigating officer.	Should also permit delivery of written report by electronic means	Update to reflect fact that electronic means are the most common method of communication
	UWS 14.08 (3)(h) - Hearing	Should also permit delivery of hearing committee decision by electronic means	Update to reflect fact that electronic means are the most common method of communication

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UWS 15 Limited Appointments	UWS 15.01(2) Limited appointments	Delete "center system dean," add "college campus dean"	The University of Wisconsin centers are now the UW colleges. And -- effective 1/1/16 -- center system deans, who became campus deans, will be replaced by administrators with the following working title: regional executive officer and dean. But since § 36.17(2) lists "college campus dean," the "college campus dean" language should be added.
UWS 16 Other Appointments	UWS 16.01 Other appointments	Delete the reference to <i>Wis Stat.</i> 36.13	<i>Wis. Stat.</i> 36.13 was repealed by 2015 Act 55
UWS 18 Conduct on University lands	UWS 18.08(12)(a) - Conduct on University Lands - ticket scalping	Delete "or center" and replace with "or college"	The University of Wisconsin centers are now the UW Colleges
UWS 20 Nonresident Tuition Determination Procedures & Appeals	UWS 20.01(4)(b)(1) - Minimum Requirements	Add "or by electronic means" to allow this method of notification in addition to the currently allowed personal service or mailing.	Students are more likely to receive and read electronic communication. This change will improve communication with students and potentially reduce duplication of efforts. It will also allow institutions to continue to use a combination of methods that best serves their students.
UWS 21 Use of University Facilities	UWS 21.02(2) - Definitions	Change to: "Chancellor" means the chief executive officer of an institution.	The University of Wisconsin centers are now the UW colleges, and the Chancellor is the chief executive officer of Colleges and Extension.
UWS 22 Accommodation of Religious Beliefs	UWS 22.02(2) - Definitions	Change to: "Chancellor" means the chief executive officer of an institution.	The University of Wisconsin centers are now the UW colleges, and the Chancellor is the chief executive officer of Colleges and Extension.
GENERAL	Wherever applicable	Capitalize the 'u' in 'University of Wisconsin System', wherever that phrase is found in the Administrative Code	Small edit would ensure consistency with how the term is written in the statutes and other forms of communication.
GENERAL	Wherever applicable	Capitalize the 'r' and 'b' in 'Board of Regents' whenever that phrase is found in Administrative Code. Examples: 1.02, 1.03, 5.14(2), 14.01, 21.01, 22.02(1), 23.02(1g), 23.03(1), 23.035(1), 23.03(4), 24.02(1g), etc.	Small edit would ensure consistency with how the term is written in the statutes and other forms of communication.