

# Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Committee

## FY 2026 Work Plan and Calendar

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### 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 FY26)*

#### 1. MUS Success Agenda and Shared Policy Goals

- Lead in delivery and tracking of MUS Shared Policy Goals with the 2025 Montana legislature.
- Participate in MUS strategic initiatives for FY 26, including 1) Resident Student Access, 4) Retention, 5) Research, 6) Seamless Education, and 7) Artificial Intelligence

#### 2. Academic Planning

- Complete a revision of BOR policies related to bachelor's and graduate level credentials.
- Develop an improved framework and metrics for new program approval and ongoing review of the MUS academic program inventory.

#### 3. Teaching, Learning and Student Success

- Support ongoing work to enhance students' early math and writing success, including through renewal of MUS math pathways and coordination with K12 on math and writing success interventions.
- Expand the Montana Online Course Exchange and improve guidelines that facilitate academic collaboration.

#### 4. Research and Innovation

- Revise Montana's state science and technology plan.
- Monitor impacts of federal budget changes and coordinate strategic response.

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### 5. Student Health and Wellbeing

- Complete 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
- AI update

### November 2025

- Request to Plan academic items - Action
- Academic program review report
- Honorary Doctorates
- Research data report
- MUS Student Mental Health and Wellbeing Planning report and recommendations

### March 2026

- Request to Plan academic items - Action
- Honorary Doctorates
- Academic planning report and policy revisions
- American Indian and Minority Achievement report
- MUS math pathways report

### May 2026

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