

The following are a list of policies that, to the knowledge of the Secretariat, are “open”, meaning some work towards establishing or amending the policy has commenced. The date of currency is noted at the top right.

Please contact the Secretariat with any questions, to request further information, or to request to be part of a consultation. Where the Secretariat cannot answer the question, it will be relayed to the appropriate policy entity (for example, a working group, a PDC, an executive/policy lead). secretariat@uwaterloo.ca

Date of Currency: October 2026

	Status	New or Amend	Lead(s), Group, or PDC	Scope of Work/Updates
2 – Bulletin Boards, Temporary Signs, and Notices (G)	In Progress	Amend	Group of operational experts coordinated by: AVP, Faculty and Academic Life Chief Risk Officer	Operational Updates Best Practice/gap Updates Incorporating operational guidelines Procedures governing requests and authorities over signage Role clarity, scope, definitional clarity, principles
7 – Gift Acceptance (G)	In Progress	Amend	Office of Advancement	Operational Updates Best Practice/gap Updates Principles for Institutional Partnerships Role clarity, scope, definitional clarity, principles
8 – Freedom of Speech (G)	In Progress	Amend	Group of operational and subject matter experts AVP, Faculty and Academic Life PDC with relations committee representation to be established	FOE Task Force Related (translating FOE Task Force Report recommendations and principles into policy text) Best Practice/gap Updates Scope, purpose, principles, legal framework, definitional clarity
10 – Naming Policy (G)	Upcoming	Amend	Office of Advancement	TBD

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12 – Bereavement, Family Medical, Critical Illness (FS)	In Progress	New	FSPDC	As per FSPDC TOR
13 – Signing Authority and Approval Policy (G)	In Progress	Amend	Secretariat Working Group	Conducting 1 year review, as previously set during policy approval
15 – Bookings (G)	In Progress	Amend	Group of operational experts Chief Risk Officer	Operational Updates Best Practice/gap Updates Role clarity, scope, definitional clarity, principles Procedures governing requests and authorities over booking space
25 – Library (G)	Upcoming	Amend	University Librarian (TBD)	TBD
30 – Employment of Graduate Student Teaching (Z)	In Progress	Amend	GSPA, HR	Updates to align with collective agreements
31 – University Expenses (G)	Upcoming	Amend	VPAF/ Finance	Alignmend to Broader Public Sector requirements
33 – Ethical Behaviour (FS)	In Progress	Amend	FRC/SRC FSPDC (TBD)	As per FRC/SRC Freedom of Expression Legal authorities (Bill 26, Bill 166) Operational Updates
44 – Research	Upcoming	Amend	Vice-President, Research and International	Related to Global Futures Network TBD

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Centres and Institutes (G)			Associate Vice-President, Research Grants and Infrastructure	
57 – (FS) Employee Accom.	In Progress	New	FSPDC	As per FSPDC TOR
70 – Student Petitions and Grievances (G)	In Progress	Amend	None	Operational Updates Best Practice/gap Updates
IT Policy (G)	In Progress	New	CIO	Roles and responsibilities IT decision-making and accountability IT governance Best Practices
Compliance Policy (G)	In Progress	New	VPAF Operational and Subject matter Experts, coordinated by Chief Risk Officer	Compliance framework, noncompliance, roles and responsibilities, risk management
Acceptable Use Policy (G)	In Progress	New	CIO Small working group	Acceptable use of IT Resources by all users Translate “Guidelines on use of Waterloo computing and network resources” into policy level instrument
Capital Planning and Capital Project Policy (G)	In Progress	New	VPAF	Compliance framework, roles and responsibilities, project governance