October 16, 2013

Dr. Pedro Reyes
Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
The University of Texas System
OHH 304 (P4300)

Dear Dr. Reyes:

Enclosed for your approval is a proposed change to the School of Social Work section in the 2014-2016 Undergraduate Catalog.

On October 3, 2014, Faculty Council approved this proposal on a no-protest basis. The proposal was classified as being of exclusive application and of primary interest to only the School of Social Work. I recommend this legislation be approved. Final approval of this change resides with UT System.

- Proposed Changes to the Bachelor of Social Work Degree Program (D 10635-10637)

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can provide other information regarding this item of legislation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gregory L. Fenves
Executive Vice President and Provost

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    Charles A. Roeckle, Deputy to the President of the University

ec (letter only): Luis H. Zayas, Dean, School of Social Work
                 Kristie Fisher, Associate Vice Provost, IMA
                 David Laude, Sr. Vice Provost
                 Dean P. Neikirk, Secretary, Office of the General Faculty
                 Brenda Schumann, Associate Registrar
October 4, 2013

Gregory Fenves
Executive Vice President and Provost
The University of Texas at Austin
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Dear Dr. Fenves:

Enclosed for your consideration and action is a proposed change to the School of Social Work section in the Undergraduate Catalog 2014-2016, which was approved by the Faculty Council on a no-protest basis on October 3, 2013. The proposal was classified as being of exclusive application and of primary interest only to a single college or school. The authority to grant final approval on these changes resides with UT System.

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David Laude, Sr. Vice Provost, via Kati Pelletier
Dean Luis Zayas in the School of Social Work has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following changes to the School of Social Work Chapter in the Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-2016. The faculty of the college and the dean approved the changes on July 9, and August 6, 2013, respectively. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of exclusive application and of primary interest only to a single college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the change on September 25, 2013, and forwarded the proposed changes to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by October 3, 2013.

Dean P. Neikirk, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

Posted on the Faculty Council website (http://www.utexas.edu/faculty/council/) on September 26, 2013.
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK CHAPTER IN THE UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2014-2016

Type of Change: Academic Change

1. IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, THE COLLEGE MUST CONSULT NEAL ARMSTRONG TO DETERMINE IF SACS-COC APPROVAL IS REQUIRED.
   • Is this a new degree program? No
   • Does the program offer courses that will be taught off campus? No
   • Will courses in this program be delivered electronically? No

2. EXPLAIN CHANGE TO DEGREE PROGRAM AND GIVE A DETAILED RATIONALE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHANGE (INCLUDE PAGE NUMBERS IN THE CATALOG WHERE CHANGES WILL BE MADE):
   1. Add independent inquiry flag requirement.
      Rationale:
      • In the new University Core Curriculum, there are six flags that must be fulfilled. In the 2012-14 catalog, the School of Social Work requires that undergraduate students complete three writing flags, one cultural diversity in the United States flag, one ethics and leadership flag, one global cultures flag, and one quantitative reasoning flag. The final flag will be added to the required coursework for undergraduate students in the 2014-16 catalog year:
         o independent inquiry flag—three hours; S W 323K (Social Welfare Programs, Policies, and Issues) has been approved as an independent inquiry flag.

3. SCOPE OF PROPOSED CHANGE
   a. Does this proposal impact other colleges/schools? No
   b. Will students in other degree programs be impacted (are the proposed changes to courses commonly taken by students in other colleges)? No
   c. Will students from your college take courses in other colleges? No
   d. How many students do you expect to be impacted? No
   e. Does this proposal involve changes to the core curriculum or other basic education requirements (42-hour core, signature courses, flags)? No
      It will bring the School of Social Work into full compliance with the University core curriculum and basic education requirements.
   f. Will this proposal change the number of hours required for degree completion? No

COLLEGE/SCHOOL APPROVAL PROCESS:
- Department approval date: July 9, 2013
- College approval date: July 30, 2013
- Dean approval date: August 6, 2013
BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

The requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work degree are designed to give the student an opportunity for integrated, nonrepetitive learning. A total of 125 semester hours is required. These may include credit by examination and a maximum of five one-semester elective courses taken on the pass/fail basis. All students must complete the requirements for the major and must complete at least sixty semester hours in residence at the University. These sixty hours must include at least twenty-four semester hours in social work. A completed degree program must include at least forty-six semester hours of upper-division coursework, of which twenty-four semester hours must have been taken in residence. No more than sixty semester hours in social work may be counted toward the degree. Each student must complete a sequence of prescribed work; major requirements, which include the field practicum; and special requirements, which include electives.

Prescribed Work
The prescribed work provides the liberal arts base for the social work curriculum. Interdepartmental courses and credit by examination may be used to meet these requirements. Unless otherwise indicated, a course taken to meet the requirements of one area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another area; however, a single course may be used, unless otherwise indicated, to fulfill both an area requirement and a major requirement. No course used to fulfill area or major requirements, other than the field practicum, may be taken on the pass/fail basis.

Core Curriculum
All students must complete the University’s Core Curriculum. A single course may not be counted toward more than one core area, but in some cases a course that is required for the Bachelor of Social Work may also be counted toward the core curriculum; these courses are identified below.

Skills and Experience Flags
In the process of fulfilling the core curriculum and other degree requirements, all students pursuing the Bachelor of Social Work must complete courses that carry flags in the following areas:

1. Writing: Three courses beyond Rhetoric and Writing 306 or the equivalent that carry a writing flag; one of these courses must be upper-division. Social Work 323K and 327 count toward this requirement; students must complete the third writing course outside the School of Social Work. Courses used to fulfill the writing requirement may be used to fulfill other requirements.


3. Ethics and leadership: One flagged course. Social Work 332 and 333 carry the ethics and leadership flag.


5. Global cultures: One flagged course chosen from approved list.