

Department of Social Work  
Department Meeting  
2/15/2022 1-2:30pm Swart Hall 230

Attendees: Mary Weeden, Carol Collien, Brianna Werth, Audra Eggum, Jon Hudson, Renee Pasewald, Matthew Ringenberg

Absent: Jim Power, Amy Williams, Colleen Hansen

Announcements:

1. As of Fall 2022, Tenure Track and Tenured Faculty anticipate having 6 credits of release per academic year restored (up from the current 3). There is discussion but no plan of ways to recognize Instructional Academic Staff for their additional workload over the last several years as well.
2. Minutes approval 11.16.2021 Department Meeting. Minutes approved unanimously with minor edit.
3. E-performance evaluations will be emailed to all relevant faculty/staff by Matthew. Formatting suggestions will be provided but people may use a different template if they prefer. Drafts should be submitted by March 1.
4. Advanced Direct Practice passed the Social Sciences Committee in COLS. Soc Work 712 (0 cred) was not included therefore topics are requested. The syllabus needs to be completed by 2/24.
  - a. Soc Work 712- 1 week/8 weeks (summer)
  - b. APA style writing (multiple days) (Jon/Mary suggest)
  - c. Field Manual and Student Handbook (Carol suggest)
  - d. Plagiarism/Licensure (Matthew suggests)
5. New and returning MSW students will be registering for coursework online; notices of coursework will be sent out to them when courses are available for enrollment
6. Matthew requests faculty suggestions for their teaching preferences for Fall 2022, in light of the fact that each person will have an additional 3 credits of release (one less class)
7. CSWE Accreditation planning meeting will be in one week. Please read and comment on others' submissions
  - a. Grammatical/symantic suggestions (can be considered by author)
  - b. Content/substance suggestions (larger discussion for department)
8. Matthew suggests that at future department meetings to have faculty rotate and choose a class activity to share with the group and allow time for questions. This is a means to share ideas with colleagues.

Items:

1. Approve Sally Hudson as a presenter for Social Work Continuing Education. The 4 hour Trauma Informed Care presentation and Sally Hudson are approved unanimously.
2. Limit Canvas submissions in courses to Word or PDF documents.
3. Veterinary Social Work with University of Tennessee is interested in partnering with UWO in some way- this is an elective option worth exploring. It may be worth pursuing but the details are important to know.
4. Renae Swanson in Professional Counseling asked about MSW students building internship hours through Tevera, but the hours are not reliable so Department will not pursue.
5. Jon Hudson would like there to be a Social Work internship in the Sustainability Office. Renee will provide Sustainability Office contacts to Audra to pursue this further.

6. Social Work supervision of internship students at agencies without a social worker is an additional demand on Department faculty. Department discusses seeking retired social workers who may be interested in volunteering their time to provide this service and how to recognize them. Items to consider with this plan include
  - a. Liability: faculty and students are covered by liability insurance; how would volunteers fit into that picture, as coverage is necessary.
  - b. Taking an intern is ideal, but supervision of individuals is less time intensive, about 1 hour per week, and this meeting can be online.
  - c. Field Coordinators are currently placing students; those who cannot take an intern may be interested in this option.
  - d. Review at May 22 meeting.
7. Call for items: wrap up discussion of CSWE details for next week's meeting.

Adjourned at 2:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Renee Pasewald  
Administrative Assistant II