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June 5, 2010

Mohammad H. Qayoumi, President
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Dear President Qayoumi:

At its June 2010 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) reviewed the *self-study*, the *Accreditation Review Brief*, and the program's response to the *Brief* as the reaffirmation application for the master's social work program. The COA voted to reaffirm the program's accreditation for eight years, ending June 2018, with a progress report to be reviewed by the COA.

In taking this action, the Commission identified two areas of concern.

AS 4.0

The program has full-time faculty, which may be augmented by part-time faculty, with the qualifications, competence, and range of expertise in social work education and practice to achieve its goals and objectives. The program has a sufficient full-time equivalent faculty-to-student ratio (usually 1:25 for baccalaureate programs and 1:12 for master's programs) to carry out ongoing functions of the program.

The program is asked to report on its full-time faculty-to-student ratio.

AS 5.3/AS M5.3.2

In those foundation curriculum areas where students demonstrate required knowledge and skills, the program describes how it ensures that students do not repeat that content. Advanced standing status is only awarded to graduates of baccalaureate social work programs accredited by CS WE.

The program is asked to report on its process for insuring that students do not repeat foundation practice content or provide a rationale and supporting evidence that the required foundation content is substantively different from that which students would have mastered in other accredited institutions. While the program sites a process for students requesting a waiver for three foundation areas (HBSE, Policy, Research), there is no indication that required foundation practice content is subject to the waiver process.

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Submit three copies of the Progress Report no later than April 1, 2011 for review during the June 2011 COA meeting.

Up to date information regarding reaffirmation, including timetables and fees, is available on the Council on Social Work Education Web site (www.cswe.org/reaffirmation). Please be in touch with Dr. Suzanne Bushfield (sbushfield@cswe.org), Accreditation Specialist I in the Office of Social Work Accreditation and Educational Excellence, if there are any questions about this letter or the procedures and actions of the Commission of Accreditation.

Sincerely,

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