

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD

Notes of the 55th Meeting of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration

Date: 13 January 2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, 26/F Eastern Commercial Centre, 83 Nam On Street, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong.
Present: Mr. SHIU Ka-chun (Convener)
Mr. IP Kim Ching
Mr. KWAN Wing-shing, Vincent
Dr. KWOK Ngai-kuen, Alvin
Ms. LAW Yee-ming
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen
Ms. LUK Ka-mei
Mr. LUN Chi-wai
Apology: Dr. CHU Chi-keung
Secretary: Mr. LEE Wing-po, Eric, Registrar and
Ms. FAN Lai-ye, Veronica, Assistant Registrar
In attendance: Mr. Wilbur PANG, Deputy Head and Registrar, HKCAAVQ
Dr Jennifer LAW, Registrar, HKCAAVQ
Dr Clara CHONG, Registrar, HKCAAVQ

As Mr. SHIU was arriving late, Dr. Leung led the discussion session with HKCAAVQ first.

Exchange session with HKCAAVQ

1. Dr. Leung welcomed the three representatives from the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ) to share their experience with the Committee.
2. Mr. Pang briefed the Committee that one of the functions of HKCAAVQ was to safeguard the academic qualifications of higher education in Hong Kong through continuous academic accreditation and assessment while the professional accreditation bodies would be to strive for professional quality of the programme. HKCAAVQ would usually impose a restriction that the programme could commence only after having obtained qualification recognition from the relevant professional accreditation bodies.
3. Mr. Pang shared that in some cases, conditions and recommendations made by the professional accreditation bodies might lead to substantial changes to the programme and the assessment team would take into consideration of these conditions and recommendations before final approval would be granted. Therefore, it was important for HKCAAVQ to keep close communications with the professional accreditation bodies and take note of any changes in their accreditation standards.

(Mr. SHIU joined the meeting at this juncture and presided the meeting now on.)

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(Ms. LAW joined the meeting at this juncture.)

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The Convener thanked the attendance of Mr. PANG, Dr. LAW and Dr. CHONG at this session. They retired from the meeting at this juncture.

Confirmation of the notes of the 54th meeting

10. The Committee agreed to add in paragraph 3 that Dr. Alvin Kwok abstained from the meeting. The notes of the 54th meeting were confirmed without other amendment.

Matters arising from the 54th meeting

Chinese version of the Principles, Criteria and Standards for Recognizing Qualification in Social Work for Registration of Registered Social Workers (“PCS”)

11. A Chinese version of the main text of the PCS (page 1-16) was ready and members suggested to add that if there was any inconsistency or ambiguity between English and Chinese version, the English version shall prevail. On page 6 note 7, there was a typo “「取得社會工作學位後」”. The Committee endorsed the document and it would be sent to service users inviting written views on the content thereof.

12. Members agreed to identify areas for comments by the service users and to invite them to indicate their availability to join the focus groups which would be held for 2-3 sessions. *(Post meeting notes: the document and the invitation letter were sent to service users on 18 January 2017 and the deadline for submission was 28 February 2017.)*

13. It was reported that a Forum on Social Work Education and Accreditation Criteria” organized by the HK Association of Schools of Social Work would be held on 16 January 2017 and representatives from SWRB and tertiary institutions, HKSWA and HKSWGU were invited to attend and express their views on our review exercise of the PCS. Mr. Shiu, Dr. Alvin Kwok, Dr. Leung and Mr. Lun would attend the forum. *(Post meeting notes: at the Forum, the Board was requested to extend the deadline for submission. The Committee*

agreed to extend the deadline to 28 February 2017 and it was announced on the Board's website.)

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Qualification Recognition Review

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Qualification Recognition Assessment

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Progress report on qualification recognition review and assessment exercises

29. The Committee noted the progress report. The Board office would regularly update the Committee the progress of the qualification recognition review and assessment exercises.

Any other business

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Approval of applications for being VCPD organizers

32. Members approved the applications from (anonymised) and (anonymised) for being VCPD organizers. Both applications would be put forward to the Board for endorsement.

Date of next meeting

33. Members agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled on 20 March 2017 at 7:15 pm.
34. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 pm.

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