

## **SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD**

### **Notes of the 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration**

Date: 30 August 2017  
Time: 7:15 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)  
Dr. Chu Cheong-hay  
Dr. KWOK Ngai-kuen, Alvin  
Ms. LAW Yee-ming  
Ms. LUK Ka-mei  
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen  
Mr. LUN Chi-wai  
Apology: Mr. KWAN Wing-shing, Vincent  
Mr. IP Kim Ching  
Secretary: Mr. LEE Wing-po, Eric, Registrar and  
Ms. FAN Lai-yee, Veronica, Assistant Registrar

#### **Welcome new co-opted member**

1. The Convener updated that the Board had received the resignation from Dr. Chu Chi Keung and approved the appointment of Dr. Chu Cheong Hay as replacement. The Convener welcomed Dr. Chu Cheong Hay on behalf of the Committee.

#### **Confirmation of the notes of the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting**

2. The notes of the 58<sup>th</sup> meeting were confirmed without amendments.

#### **Agenda of the 59<sup>th</sup> meeting**

3. The Committee agreed to revise the sequence of discussion as follows:
  - (a) Agenda item 3
  - (b) Agenda item 2 – section 4.5, 4.4 and 4.1

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  - (a) (Business information deleted)

## **Discussion on the first draft of Principles, Criteria and Standards – Section 4.1, 4.4 & 4.5**

### Section 4.5

6. The Secretary reported that in consideration of the observations during the past visits to tertiary institutions, he made a few proposed revisions to this section.
7. A member suggested that TIs should provide environment for student activities and development.
8. There were no other comments on the proposed revisions in the draft.

### Section 4.4

9. The Secretary walked through the proposed revisions and members proposed the following changes:
  - (a) 4.4.1: To replace “there should not be significant adverse findings in any of those exercise” by “the audit or review is satisfactorily completed”.
  - (b) 4.4.2: To combine it with 4.4.4.
  - (c) 4.4.3: To include “sustainable academic plan”.
  - (d) 4.4.5: To replace “different walks of life” by “wide representation”.
  - (e) 4.4.6: To delete “research active”, “reasonable time allocation of its teaching staff to research activities” and “publication of peer-reviewed journal articles” as TIs might have concerns on it. Members suggested revising as “The TI offering social work degree programme (bachelor or master) should provide reasonable support to its teaching staff to cultivate a vibrant research culture within the academic unit through their involvement in research activities aiming at deliverables beneficial to academic advancement or social work practice”.
  - (f) There was also a suggestion to add that social work training should keep abreast of the latest development of the field, whilst it may be covered in other parts of the document.

### Section 4.1

10. The meeting considered using “social work subjects” and “non social work subjects” instead of using the word “core” or “non core”. The meeting took note the use of language being put in higher position of the list in consideration of the written opinions collected during consultation period.
11. Members also proposed the following changes:

- (a) 4.1.1 (c): Members agreed to the insertion of “not of a hybrid” though recognizing the existence of a mixed mode programme in the market. The Committee agreed that it was necessary to differentiate full-time and part-time modes because the calculation of SSR was different under different modes of study.
- (b) 4.1.2: to move to section 5.
- (c) 4.1.3: a member did not support e-learning platform in social work training.
- (d) 4.1.4 (i) point 1: to include “micro, meso and macro levels”;
- (e) 4.1.4 (i) point 4: to revise as “practice-related subjects, compulsory or electives” so that the TIs had the autonomy and flexibility in providing the advanced subjects such as elderly, mental health.
- (f) 4.1.4(ii): a member suggested to include the concepts of “empowerment”, “advocacy” but members in general agreed that this document should list out the subject areas but not specific concepts.
- (g) 4.1.4(b)(i) point 2: to delete “comparable study of those in other countries, such as modes of delivery, funding models with the same reasoning above.
- (h) 4.1.4(b)(i) point 3: to replace “interaction” by “relationship” and delete “e.g. education, environmental protection”.
- (i) 4.1.4(b)(ii): to add “cultural sensitivity”
- (j) 4.1.5(a): to revise as “use of language for social work practice”
- (k) 4.1.5(b): to delete “Social Workers Registration Ordinance”, “fiduciary duties of social workers” and revert back to original wordings i.e. basic legal knowledge and perspectives related to social work practice.
- (l) It was suggested to align the usage of such as, e.g., i.e.
- (m) To add subject area of “self-understanding and interpersonal communication” as well as “Hong Kong Society”.

### **Date of next meeting**

- 12. Members agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled on 13 September 2017 at 7:15 pm to continue the discussion on the first draft of PCS.
- 13. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

4 September 2017