

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD

Notes of the 62nd Meeting of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration

Date: 30 October 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
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen
Mr. LUN Chi-wai
Apology: Mr. IP Kim Ching
Mr. KWAN Wing-shing, Vincent
Ms. LAW Yee-ming
Ms. LUK Ka-mei
Secretary: Mr. LEE Wing-po, Eric, Registrar and
Ms. FAN Lai-yee, Veronica, Assistant Registrar

Confirmation of the notes of the 61st meeting

1. The notes of the 61st meeting were confirmed with a grammatical error spotted by Dr. LEUNG and to be rectified. (*Post meeting note: in paragraph 6 line 3, “lesser” was revised to “fewer”*).

Matters arising from the previous meetings

Discussion on evaluation of Professional Consultant

2. The form was revised after the discussion at the last Committee meeting. The Committee had no other comments on the revised form and agreed to put forth to the Board for endorsement.

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3. (Business information deleted)
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Qualification Recognition Review

(Dr. Rosanna Chan, the Professional Consultant joined the meeting at this juncture.)

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(Dr. Chan left the meeting.)

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Discussion of the appeal mechanism against the Board's decision on the refusal of recognizing a social work qualification for registration as a result of qualification recognition assessment

13. (Business information deleted)
14. To facilitate the discussion, the appeal mechanism adopted by the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation and Vocational Qualifications as provided under the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications Ordinance and the related rules were tabled for members' reference.
15. After deliberation, the Committee had the following proposal:
 - (a) The Appeal Panel should consist of 3 members, one from each of the following professions:
 - (i) Social work education in Hong Kong such as (anonymous)
 - (ii) Caring professions, including but not limited to medical doctors, nurses, therapists and psychologists such as (anonymous);
 - (iii) Public administration such as (anonymous).
 - (b) The Appeal Panel should provide an oral hearing to the tertiary institute and the Board.
 - (c) Legal advisory support should be provided to the Appeal Panel, which will also be with secretarial support from the Board office.
 - (d) Tangible cost to be incurred would be the honorarium to the Panel members (business information deleted) and the fee to the legal advisor. The cost of secretarial support

rendered by the Board Office would be intangible. When the Appeal Panel would uphold the original decision of the Board, the Appellant should be required to pay all the tangible cost incurred. When the Appeal Panel would not uphold the original decision of the Board, the Appellant should be required to pay half of the tangible cost incurred.

- (e) The Panel would only review the decision made by the Board on the programme without admitting new information of the programme.

- 16. The Board office would draft the proposal and circulate to the Committee for comment after the meeting. (*Post meeting notes: the Convenor suggested some names for the panel members and the draft proposal was circulated to the Committee on 2 November 2017.*)

Review of the PCS

- 17. Due to time being run off, the review would be deferred to the next Committee meeting.

Date of next meeting

- 18. Members agreed that the next meeting would be scheduled on 1 December 2017 at 7:30 pm.

- 19. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

8 November 2017