

SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD

Notes of the 72nd Meeting of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration

Date: 4 March 2019
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room, 26/F Eastern Commercial Centre, 83 Nam On Street, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong.
Present: Dr. KWOK Ngai-kuen, Alvin (Convenor)
Ms. CHEUNG Lai-yi
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen
Dr. NG Yut-ming
Dr. TING Wai-fong
Secretary: Mr. LEE Wing-po, Eric, Registrar and
Ms. FAN Lai-yee, Veronica, Assistant Registrar

1. Dr. KWOK Ngai-kuen convened the meeting.

Matters arising from the previous meetings

To take note of the last notes of meeting

2. The Committee took note of the last notes of meeting.

To consider the next course of action on the Review of the PCS

3. The Secretary briefed that in the last term, the Committee had finished the first draft of the revamp version of PCS. The Committee of the last term had collected written views from different stakeholders, collected data from tertiary institutions to test the calculation of staff-student ratio and organized focus group but the response rates of the latter two were very low or even with no response.
4. The Committee discussed the next course of action. The Committee noted that the overall structure and majority of contents had been changed and it was unlikely to highlight all changes. The Board office was asked to prepare a document containing both the current and the revamped versions.
5. Subject to the Board's endorsement, the implementation plan was set out as below:
 - (a) Only the English version would be released for public consultation and written submission invited;
 - (b) The release would be before the Easter and the consultation will end by 30 June 2019;
 - (c) Three (3) forums would be organized during the consultation period from April to June, one specifically for tertiary institutions, one for employing agencies and RSWs, and one for students who were users of the programmes and other stakeholders.
6. The Committee would then consider how to make further revision to the PCS. Subject to clearance by the Board, the revamped version would go for legal vetting and translation.

Qualification recognition assessment/review

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Application for individual assessment from applicant holding social work qualification from Taiwan

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Nomination of co-opted members

17. Members considered the practice of last term in which we had adopted the approaches of open nomination to frontline RSWs and invitation to other professions by individual Board members. A member suggested re-appointing the co-opted member of last term. After exchanging views, the Committee agreed that the nomination should be made open to all RSWs by using the same protocol as last term.

Nomination of Assessment Panel

18. The Committee took note of the criteria and protocol of nomination of Assessment Panel in last term. The Committee had consideration of the following:

- (a) The AT of anonymised suggested reviewing the criteria of social work profession particularly those have retired from the field.
- (b) In respect of the local academia, the current criteria was associate professor or above. A member suggested to add a sub-category to invite academic staff possessed substantial

experience in teaching social practice subjects and fieldwork practicum. The Committee noted that it required revising further the PCS.

- (c) The Committee agreed that the revision would be made together with the suggestions collected from consultation so that the timeline of PCS consultation would not be so affected. In view of the upcoming introduction of new criteria for appointment, which might be subject to further revisions, there were concerns as if it would be appropriate to invite nominations based upon either current or proposed criteria.
- (d) The Committee decided that except those who were found to have failed consistently responding to conflict and availability check as well as those the Committee would have concern over their appropriateness to remain, current panelists of the Assessment Panel would be invited for serving an extra year, buying time to complete the review of the PCS with new criteria embedded.

Application for being listed as Voluntary Continuing Professional Development organizers

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Any other matters

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21. Due to time running short, the agenda item 6 would be deliberated by circulation and the rest i.e. items 4(a) and 8 would be deliberated at the next Committee meeting.

Date of next meeting

22. The next meeting would be held at 7:30 pm on 7 May 2019

23. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.

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