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To: Julia Wallace, Provost
From: Derryl Block, Interim Dean Professional and Graduate Studies
Re: AAC Social Work Review
CC: Tim Sewall, Judy Martin, SOFAS Office

After review of the October 5, 2006 Social Work Nursing Self Study Report and the May 10, 2007 Academic Affairs Council (AAC) Nursing Review, I conclude that the Professional Program in Social Work:

- Is a well designed and implemented program with well defined interdisciplinary characteristics;
- Has a well developed assessment plan with measures encompassing each evaluation of each of the Program’s defined core competencies;
- Successfully maintains accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).
- Had a higher percentage of minority students than the campus at large at the time of the self study;
- Effectively collaborates with the social work and child welfare stakeholders in the community and region including good integration with the NEW Partnership for Children and Families; and
- Has effectively created a collaborative Masters in Social Work with UW-Oshkosh.

After consultation with program faculty, I recommend the following actions:

1. Continue monitoring and quality improvement regarding processes and outcomes as part of CSWE accreditation requirements;
2. Carefully consider program size regarding balance of resources available for BSW and MSW including pursuing options for moving the part time MSW from fee-recovery to GPR funding;
3. Pursue avenues for having more tenure/tenure track faculty who can teach in both the BSW and MSW programs as opposed to masters prepared lecturers who can only teach in the BSW program;
4. Continue collaboration with social work and child welfare professionals in the community and region;
5. Maintain and even increase scholarly activity.