2/23/2022 MSW Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

* Jennifer Becker
* Matthew Vasquez
* Ashley Rassmussen
* Sei-Young Lee
* Cindy Juby
* Rebecca Dickinson
* David Kilmnick
* Libby Fry
* Lixia Zhang
1. History Department is requesting one of our BSW courses be included in a new track they are offering
	1. Jenny Becker Presented on this topic
	2. They want to include our Global Social Work Class.
		1. There was discussion about adding this track for history majors but some issues with submitting timelines?

Concerns with the amount that the major may be diluted.

Concerns with the amount of interest there would even be in this track for students

* 1. A person with a history degree can be a social worker in Iowa. This is something to consider when considering adding this as a certificate program.
	2. We also have certificates that are embedded with other programs so we have to keep that in mind as well.
	3. Global social work is a very popular course. This would be the fifth place this course would hold a place.
		1. It was brought up to keep in mind that students don’t always stay with the same major so putting classes with different certificates will also allow for more overlap.
	4. Perhaps we keep the max at embedding it into 4 certificates.
	5. Jenny asked for faculty to think on opinions on the matter and further emails to discuss the matter.
1. Standards and Criteria
	1. Standards and Criteria for next year are due at the beginning of March.
	2. Changes were made to standardize across the college.
	3. Opportunity to add up to 3 bullet points and there was thought that maybe we could add based on discussion with Ashely and DMACC.
		1. Building space at DMACC- potentially used for presentations for CEU’s in the Des Moines area.
		2. Other conversations had about funds for the travel associated, as well as stipends for presenters for areas of expertise.
		3. Unsure exactly what it would look like at this time.
	4. Conversation was had discussing where under the criteria this would fit:
		1. Decision is to put it in the criteria broadly in service.

Concerns about funding and popularity it would have among faculty at the University.

1. Specialization
	1. No decisions have been made ahead of this time on what the specialization will be. Cindy Juby stated concern about the fact that we need to discuss specialization and have a clear vote on what is the plan going forward.
	2. In the online specialization courses, the DSM class is a required elective, however the in-person students have voiced desire to have this education but there is a question as to where it should be put in.
	3. Do we want to push for the DSM to be a part of the program?
		1. There are concerns that if we include DSM as a requirement and grant writing as an elective then we become too clinical and not enough generalist.
		2. Suggestions made to make grant writing an elective, DSM a requirement, combining practice classes (trauma practice I & II) and adding a Macro Systems course
		3. Comments were made about the fact that a stand alone grant writing course was something that was never requested.
		4. Discussion had to redesign Systems Redesign to include information on Grant Writing to better prepare the requirement of DSM.

To organization management with some grant management.

* + 1. Comments about looking at restructuring as a whole rather than only at one or two courses.
		2. Suggestion for throwing out Systems redesign and adding a diversity class instead.
	1. Deadline for specialization changes?
		1. We can have discussion over the next few weeks to push changes, or we can wait
		2. Discussion will be had at the next meeting.
		3. Student Feedback
			1. Current Students or Potential Students or Both
				1. Both Students
				2. Current BSW Students interested in being potential MSW Students.