

Field Education Committee Minutes

Date: April 9, 2025 from 12-1 p.m.

Purpose: To ensure curriculum integration between classroom and field education. To evaluate field program to ensure high quality social work education.

Members Present: Jenny Becker (field director), Itunu Ilesanmi (faculty), Kennedy Rohe (BSW student rep), Jet Kofoot (MSW student rep), Jonathan Bluemke (MSW student rep)

Absent: Sara Forret (BSW student rep)

Agenda and Minutes Shared With: SW Department, SSWA, Posted online at www.uni.edu/csbs/socialwork/field-instruction

Social Work Student Listening Post Feedback

ISSUE: MSW Seminar Sessions – education and application (what students are doing at their internships)

Action: Statement added to liaison orientation - *Provide opportunity and time in each seminar for students to provide examples of what they are doing as it relates to seminar content*

ISSUE: Response times by faculty liaison to students

Action: Statement added to liaison orientation - *Be mindful that students are eagerly awaiting your guidance; provide alternative access options if email is not effective*

ISSUE: Collaboration between faculty liaison and site supervisor

Action: Statement added to liaison orientation - *Main collaborator in developing student skill*

ISSUE: MSW Seminar Times – request to not schedule at end of workday

Response: Office of Distance Education requirement for online cohorts to host seminars during night class sessions. Liaisons have more discretion for in person cohorts and online one year program cohorts.

ISSUE: Address field sites that don't align with SW ethical standards of conduct

Response: Process in place includes maintaining documentation on student concerns, addressing concerns with field sites when appropriate and discontinuing partnership with field sites when necessary.

ISSUE: More guidance on how to “conduct oneself as a social worker” – requested checklist for each student

Talking points:

Internship goal is to socialize practitioners new to the field

Don't require a checklist to be completed, but provide resources to students and field sites to use if needed

Next meeting: Fall 2025