

University of South Florida School of Social Work

Approved Governance Document

MISSION

The mission of the University of South Florida, School of Social Work is to prepare graduates to achieve excellence as professionals and leaders in social work practice, research, and education. Our focus is to develop generalist social workers at the bachelor's level, clinical social workers at the master's level and social work scholars at the doctoral level and to encourage students to embrace social work knowledge, ethics, skills, and values. Beginning in our own diverse region, and extending nationally and globally, we are committed to graduating students who reflect the School's commitment to promoting social and economic justice, human rights, human dignity, scientific inquiry, and sustainable human and community well-being for all.

These guidelines shall apply within the context of relevant Florida Statutes, College, University and Board of Trustees guidelines, contracts and regulations.

II. Faculty Membership

- A. Faculty member is defined as a person appointed at least half-time on a social work education and general faculty line and home based in the school. This includes instructors and visiting Faculty. Only Faculty members as defined above have voting rights in the School. Unless otherwise specified, the terms "Faculty" and "Faculty member" mean persons above described. Persons who serve on standing and ad hoc committees have voting privileges within the committees on which they serve.
- B. Members on official leave from the School shall retain voting privileges in decisions on the retention or appointment of School Director; on amendments to this governance document; and if tenured, on tenure decisions, and on other issues if present at a meeting at which these issues are discussed. Members on leave shall be provided timely information about School affairs and when possible shall be provided opportunities to respond and make recommendations regarding them.
- C. Appointment to the Faculty requires a majority vote of the School of Social Work Faculty members who are eligible to vote. Only those members having substantive contact with candidates being interviewed for a specific vacancy may vote on filling that vacancy. "Substantive contact" is defined as attendance at the candidate's colloquium, meeting with the candidate or a comparable contact with the candidate. Faculty members unable to be present for the vote may express their views in a confidential vote provided that the substantive contact requirement has been met.

- D. It is required that all faculty members who are appointed on a social work education and general faculty line must, at a minimum, possess a Master's degree in Social Work from a CSWE accredited graduate program or a DSW or PhD in Social Work. All faculty members eligible for appointment to a tenure earning or tenured line must possess a DSW or PhD in Social Work/Social Welfare or a related field such as Psychology, Public Health, Anthropology, Gerontology, Education or Human Development.
- E. Courtesy Faculty appointments may be recommended by a majority vote of the Faculty of the School in accordance with University procedures. Courtesy Faculty do not have voting rights and are not paid by the USF School of Social Work.
- F. Visiting Faculty appointments require a majority vote of the Faculty of the School. Ordinarily, candidacy for such appointment will be evaluated by the Faculty and recommended by majority vote of the Faculty of the School. It may be necessary in extraordinary circumstances (e.g., during the summer) for an appointment to be made without prior Faculty approval. In such cases, the Director should consult with available Faculty. Currently enrolled doctoral students in the School of Social Work are not eligible for appointment as Visiting Faculty.
- G. Adjunct Faculty are appointed on a term-by-term basis as needed. Appointments are made by the Director following review and approval of credentials by the Faculty members associated with the course and in consultation with the Program Directors. It may be necessary for an appointment to be made without prior Faculty approval. In such cases, the Director should consult with the Program Directors and available Faculty.
- H. After contractual obligations have been met, summer teaching assignments and overload assignments will be made on the basis of student learning needs, program/school needs, availability of classes and faculty. No faculty member will be given a second course assignment until all faculty requesting to teach have been given an assignment, if possible and consistent with student needs.

### III. Faculty Meetings

- A. The Director will convene the Faculty at least three times during each of the Fall and Spring semesters. Other meetings may be called by the Director or at the written request of a majority of the Faculty during the semester. To the extent possible, meetings will be scheduled at a regular day and time that maximizes the number of Faculty who can attend. All meetings will be announced in a timely fashion.

- B. The Director will convene two additional Faculty meetings for the purpose of planning retreats, one as early as practical in the academic year and the other as late as practical in the academic year. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss and determine long-term goals and priorities for the School and to act on other business relevant to the operations of the School.
- C. A simple quorum is defined as the presence of a majority of the School of Social Work Faculty for the semester during which the meeting is called
- D. In the case of regular meetings and for special non-emergency meetings the Director shall announce the meeting with a written request for any items to be put on the agenda. A written agenda shall be provided to faculty via e-mail at least 48 hours before the meeting. This provision does not preclude Faculty or the Director from introducing new agenda items at the meetings.
- E. The Director may make proposals and suggestions, participate actively or lead discussions, but shall not make formal motions. The Director is a voting member of the School and his/her right to vote is not confined to the case of breaking a tie.
- F. Informality is encouraged in the conduct of the faculty meetings: however, in cases of formal actions, Robert's Rules of Order shall apply except as otherwise specified in this governance document.
- G. A secret ballot will be taken if the Director believes the issue demands one, if required by this governance document, or if requested by a majority vote of Faculty present. Proxy votes are not permitted except as otherwise specified in this governance document.
- H. Minutes of all faculty meetings will be kept as a permanent record on the share drive of the School and also in hard copy in the office of the Business Manager.

#### IV. Administrative Officers

##### A. Director

1. Appointment. The Director is appointed by the Dean of the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences upon recommendation of the faculty of the School of Social Work.
2. Selection. The Director may be recommended to the Dean of the CBCS from a national search in accordance with standard USF procedures and/or from an internal search whereby a senior faculty member of the School may be recommended. The Faculty may decide to recommend a Director from among current Faculty or to recruit from outside the

School (with the approval of the Dean). All candidates for the Director should meet the standards set by the Council on Social Work Education.

a. Internal Search. Only tenured Faculty are eligible for consideration.

3. Term of office. A Director is eligible to succeed him/herself for an additional term if s/he desires and the Dean concurs after consultation with the faculty. The Director shall be reviewed by the faculty annually in accordance with the CBCS procedures.

4. Responsibilities. The Director is the chief academic officer of the School and is responsible to the Dean and the Faculty of the School for the administration of School affairs. Specific responsibilities include directing and facilitating the effective administration and operation of the School and its activities as required.

5. Duties. The Director's specific duties include but are not limited to the following:

- a. Administration of policies established by the University, College and School faculty members;
- b. Representation of the faculty and students to higher administrative officers;
- c. Liaison between higher levels of University administration and faculty;
- d. Oversight of the budget;
- e. Nomination of ad hoc committees;
- f. Supervision of all personnel;
- g. Evaluation of Faculty and Staff; including review of Faculty seeking tenure and/or promotion;
- h. Recommendation of salary increases of existing Faculty and salaries for newly appointed Faculty;
- i. Direction of course scheduling and faculty assignments.
- j. Ex-officio member of all departmental committees.

**B. Associate Director**

1. Appointment. The Associate Director is appointed by the Director in consultation with the faculty and consent of the appointee. Term is three

years with possible renewal by Director in consultation with the faculty for an additional three year period. The renewal decision will be made at the end of the Associate Director's third year.

2. Responsibilities. The Associate Director assists the Director in administration of the School and is responsible to the Director. Specific responsibilities include assisting in implementation of University and College policies and procedures, initiation and implementation of internal policies and procedures, management of the academic and program operations of the School, and acting as representative for the Director and the school, faculty, students, and staff at meetings when the Director is unable to attend.
3. Duties. The Associate Director's duties include the following:
  - a. Assistance with the operations of the School including course scheduling, orientation for adjunct faculty;
  - b. Support of coordination of off-campus programs;
  - c. Support of marketing, recruitment, and strategic planning
  - d. Oversight of office operations in consultation with the Director
  - e. Oversight of all program assessment requirements by CSWE, SACS and program reviews.
  - f. Represent the Director at meetings.
  - g. Other duties as assigned by Director.

C. Director of Field Education

1. Selection. The Director of Field Education is a full-time, instructional faculty position. The Director of Field Instruction is appointed by the Director in consultation with the faculty and consent of the appointee. Term is three years with possibility of renewal by the Director at the end of the third year.
2. Responsibilities. The Director of Field Education has overall responsibility for the administrative supervision of the field program (BSW and MSW) and is responsible to the Director of the School. Specific responsibilities include the following:
  - a. Coordination and oversight of all BSW and MSW student placements in field practicum;

- a. Administrative supervision of all students enrolled in field practicum;
- b. Evaluation of field faculty/staff in performance areas specific to field program responsibilities;
- c. Monitor of overall field program and performance of students and field instructors;
- d. Development, recruitment, and monitoring of field sites and field instructors;
- e. Recruitment/screening of potential adjunct field liaisons for recommendation to School Director;
- f. Recommendation of faculty field liaison assignments to Director;
- g. Coordination of orientation and training of students and faculty field liaison;
- h. Representative of the field programs on both Graduate and Undergraduate programs; and,
- i. Coordination of field professional advisory committee.

## V. Program Roles

### A. Chair of the Ph.D. Program

1. The Chair of the Doctoral Program is a tenured or tenure earning faculty member within one year of a tenure review appointed by the Director. In order to promote equity and fairness in the assignment process, the Director considers previous administrative service, the organizational and administrative abilities of the individual, and the operational needs of the School as well as the particular interests of the Faculty member. The normal term of office is three years and is renewable by Director.
2. The Chair of the Doctoral Program is responsible for the administration of the Ph.D. program. Specific responsibilities include the following:
  - a. Oversight of the Ph.D. student admission process.
  - b. Maintenance of an accurate and reliable record and report system.
  - c. Representation of the School, College, and University meetings of councils, committees and other entities as necessary and appropriate to include attendance at the Group for Advancement of Doctoral Education (GADE) meetings.
  - d. Coordination of activities to assure the effective operation of the doctoral

program. Direction of program assessment and review to assure program quality and determine outcome effectiveness.

#### B. Chair of the MSW Program

1. The Chair of the MSW Program is a Faculty member who meets Council of Social Work Education Standards and is appointed by the Director. In order to promote equity and fairness in the assignment process, the Director considers tenure status, previous administrative service, the organizational and administrative abilities of the individual, and the operational needs of the School as well as the particular interests of the Faculty member. The normal term of office is three years, with possibility of renewal by Director.
2. The Chair of the MSW Program is responsible for the administration of the Master of Social Work Program. Specific responsibilities include the following:
  - a. Oversight of the MSW student admission process.
  - b. Maintenance of an accurate and reliable record and report system.
  - c. Represents the MSW program at School, College, and University meetings of councils, committees and other entities as necessary and appropriate.
  - d. Coordination of activities to assure the effective operation of the MSW program. Direction of program assessment and review to insure program quality and determine outcome effectiveness.
  - e. Coordination of any off-site MSW programs.
  - f. Attendance at appropriate social work education conferences including the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education.
  - g. Decision regarding appropriateness of electives allowed outside the School for MSW students
  - h. Decision, with Director, about which student applicants will receive Graduate Assistantships.

#### C. Chair of the BSW Program

1. The Chair of the BSW program is a faculty member who meets Council of Social Work Education standards and is appointed by the Director. In

order to promote equity and fairness in the assignment process, the Director considers tenure status, previous administrative service, organizational and administrative abilities of the individual, and the operational needs of the School as well as the particular interests of the faculty member. The normal term of office is three years with possibility of renewal by Director.

2. The Chair of the BSW Program is responsible for the administration of the Bachelor of Social Work Program. Specific responsibilities include:
  - a. Oversight of the BSW admissions process.
  - b. Oversight of the advising process.
  - c. Maintenance of an accurate and reliable record and report system.
  - d. Representative of the undergraduate program at School, college and university meetings of councils, committees and other entities as necessary and appropriate.
  - e. Direction and coordination of activities to assure the effective operation of the undergraduate program. Direction of program review to ensure program quality and determine outcome effectiveness.
  - f. Attend or designate an alternate to attend the national Baccalaureate Program Directors (BPD) meeting

## VI. Programs

### A. Doctoral Committee

1. **Composition:** The committee will be comprised of at least three full-time tenured or tenure earning Faculty members to be identified at the first faculty meeting in the fall. Faculty may volunteer or be nominated by their peers. Appointment will follow by the Director of the School. Students will select a doctoral student representative to serve on the committee as a non-voting member. Additional members may be appointed by the Director. The Director of the School or designee is an ex-officio member.
2. **Responsibilities:** The Doctoral Committee is responsible for all policy and procedural matters related to the Ph.D. program including curriculum, research and student affairs. The scope of this responsibility involves:



- a. Compliance with University and College curricula to determine impact on the doctoral curriculum. Recommendations regarding action are made to the Faculty in coordination with the Curriculum Committee when appropriate
- b. Review of course syllabi (but not texts), faculty proposed changes, and periodic review as appropriate. This activity is coordinated with the Curriculum Committee.
- c. Review of proposals for new required and elective courses, proposed changes in course sequence within the curriculum, and proposals/curriculum changes from the Curriculum Committee. Recommend appropriate action to the Faculty.
- d. Development and regulation of admission and degree requirements for the doctoral program.
- e. Development of criteria, policies and procedures for reviewing and recommending applicants for admission, which will be recommended to the faculty for a vote.
- f. Responsibility for monitoring doctoral student performance and progress in meeting program requirements.
- g. Recommendation of awards of stipends, scholarships, fellowships, loans or any financial assistance under School control or requiring the recommendation of the School, and nomination of students for honors and awards made by external organizations which require the School's nomination. This does not preclude individual faculty members from writing letters of recommendation for doctoral students applying independently for such awards through outside sources.
- h. Review of doctoral program to assure program quality and outcomes, in consultation with the curriculum committee.
- i. Consideration of and action on all matters of policy and procedure regarding the doctoral program that are referred to the Doctoral Committee by the Director or the Faculty, or which come to its attention through other means, including its own initiative; and review of grievances per guidelines established by faculty.

B. MSW Committee

1. Composition: The committee will be comprised of at least three full-time tenured or tenure earning Faculty members to be identified at the first

faculty meeting in the fall. Faculty may volunteer or be nominated by their peers. Appointment will follow by the Director of the School. Students will select a MSW student representative for each cohort to serve on the committee as a non-voting member. Additional members may be appointed by the Director. The Director of the School or designee is an ex-officio member.

2. Responsibilities: The MSW Committee is responsible for all policy and procedural matters related to the Graduate program including curriculum, research and student affairs. The scope of this responsibility involves:
  - a. Compliance with Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) standards and policies and review of proposed changes in University and College curricula to determine impact on MSW curriculum. Recommendations regarding action are made to the Faculty in coordination with the Curriculum Committee
  - b. Review of MSW curriculum and course syllabi proposed to be taught in the School for compliance with CSWE standards, faculty proposed changes, and periodic review as appropriate. This activity is coordinated with the Curriculum Committee and is voted on by the faculty.
  - c. Development and regulation of admission and degree requirements for the MSW program.
  - d. Development of criteria, policies and procedures for reviewing and recommending applicants for admission with recommended changes referred to the faculty for a vote.
  - e. Responsibility for monitoring MSW student performance and progress in meeting program requirements.
  - f. Recommendation of awards of stipends, scholarships, fellowships, loans or any financial assistance under School control or requiring the recommendation of the School, and nomination of students for honors and awards granted by external organizations which require the School's nomination. This does not preclude individual faculty members from writing letters of recommendation for MSW students who apply independently for such awards through outside sources.
  - g. Review of program to assure program quality and outcomes.

- h. Consideration and action on all matters of policy and procedure regarding the graduate program that are referred to it by the Director or the Faculty, or which come to its attention through other means, including its own initiative, and review grievances per guidelines established by faculty.
- i. Applications for admission to the School of Social Work MSW Program will be screened and prioritized by two tenured and/or tenure earning faculty members and by the Director of the MSW Program. Each application will first be reviewed independently by the faculty reviewers and when the reviewers agree about the admission decision the application is then forwarded to the MSW Program Director for the final admission decision. If the faculty reviewers disagree on the decision to admit or reject, the MSW Program Director will ask a third faculty member to independently review the application. That vote will break the tie.

C. BSW Committee

- 1. Composition: The committee will be comprised of at least three full-time tenured or tenure earning Faculty members to be identified at the first faculty meeting in the fall. Faculty may volunteer or be nominated by their peers. Appointment will follow by the Director of the School. Students will select a BSW student representative from each cohort to serve on the committee as a non-voting member. Additional members may be appointed by the Director. The Director of the School or designee is an ex-officio member.
- 2. Responsibilities: The BSW Committee is responsible for all policy and procedural matters related to the undergraduate program, curriculum, and student affairs. The scope of this responsibility includes:
  - a. Compliance with Council on Social Work Education standards and review of proposed changes in University and College curricula to determine impact on the BSW curriculum. Recommendations regarding action are made to the Faculty in collaboration with the Curriculum Committee as needed.
  - b. Development and regulation of admission requirements, policies and procedures, and degree requirements for the

BSW program. These recommendations shall go to the full faculty for a vote.

- c. Responsibility for monitoring BSW students' performance and progress in meeting program requirements. Recommend disposition of students not meeting program requirements.
  - d. Recommendation of awards of stipends, scholarships, fellowships, loans, or any financial assistance under School control or requiring the recommendation of the School, and nomination of students for honors and awards made by external organizations which request the School's nomination. This does not preclude individual faculty members from writing letters of recommendation for BSW students who apply for such awards through outside sources.
  - e. Consideration and action on all matters of policy and procedure regarding the undergraduate program that are referred to it by the Director or the Faculty, or which come to its attention through other means, including its own initiative, and grievance review per guidelines established by faculty.
3. The BSW Committee may delegate an Admissions Subcommittee to screen and prioritize applications for admission. The Chair of the Committee shall be the Chair of the BSW Program. Composition of the Admissions Subcommittee shall include the BSW program Chair, and two other Faculty members to be appointed by the Director of the School of Social Work. The BSW advisor serves as a non-voting liaison to the committee.

## VII. Standing Committees

### A. Faculty Advisory Committee

1. Purpose: The purpose of this committee is to communicate with the Director of the School on matters pertaining to faculty. The Committee will meet once during each semester and may be convened more frequently by the Director or at the written request of a majority of the Faculty Advisory Committee.
2. Chair: The Director of the School of Social Work is the Chair of the Committee.

3. Composition: This committee shall consist of one tenured faculty members, one tenure-earning faculty, and one non-tenure earning faculty. Faculty with administrative responsibilities (e.g. Field Director, MSW Chair) are not eligible to serve on this committee. Term of appointment is for one academic year. Elections by faculty are held at the first fall faculty meeting.
  4. Responsibilities:
    - a. Discuss matters pertaining to faculty affairs.
    - b. Nominate faculty for honors and awards.
    - c. Review the Faculty Governance Document annually and make recommendations for modifications to the Faculty.
- B. Curriculum and Quality Enhancement Committee
1. Charge and Responsibilities: The Curriculum Committee (CC) and Quality Enhancement Committee hereafter known as the Curriculum Committee (CC) establishes direction, provides oversight for the curriculum, and approves modifications and new courses in consultation with the Office of the Director. The CC also develops and conducts continuous assessment activities that lead to the enhancement of curriculum, student learning outcomes, and other program activities for the school in compliance with SACS and CSWE. The CC will also receive and review recommendations from the faculty regarding curriculum changes. In order to fulfill this charge the Committee shall have the following responsibilities:
    - a. Develop and evaluate the overall educational objectives and plan of instruction for the School.
    - b. Evaluate SOK elective courses as to their relevance and congruence with the overall educational objectives and plan of instruction. The Committee shall as part of this responsibility maintain a database of all currently approved courses, the date of approval, and monitor to insure that a master syllabus which is not more than two years old is also available.
    - c. In collaboration with the Reaffirmation Committee, determine that the requirements and standards of the Council of Social Work Education Curriculum Statement concerning curricula are fully met.

- d. Support the Director and Program Chairs, in determining that the curriculum components related to the mission and goals of the School are met.
- e. Formulate policies and procedures to evaluate student qualifications for waiver of courses and recommend them to the appropriate Program Committee.
- f. Plan and implement curriculum workshops for full-time and adjunct faculty, as appropriate.
- g. Review and approve proposals by faculty for new MSW and BSW courses or modifications in current courses relevant to their content in all curriculum areas. Once reviewed and approved, these new courses or modifications will, in turn, be submitted to the appropriate program committee for approval and then to the voting faculty for approval.
- h. Develop and implement a plan for overall continuous assessment.
- i. Administer assessment measures according to an established schedule, manage data input, facilitate analyses, report results to designated committees, and monitor program improvement activities that result from assessment findings.
- j. Develop a communications plan for information sharing that includes annual reports on curriculum matters to the Faculty at faculty meeting and summary reports to key constituents.
- k. Changes made to syllabi that are related to the Nature of the Course, Course Rationale, Theoretical Perspective, or Objectives must be reviewed by the appropriate program committee, curriculum committee, and faculty.

Changes to method of instruction and assessment, assignments, readings and the course calendar that are “substantial” must also be reviewed by the curriculum committee and appropriate program committee. Substantial is to be defined by the faculty member making the change and either the BSW or MSW chair, depending on the course. If either party views the change as substantial, the change should follow procedures for review. The faculty member involved in determining if substantial changes need to be reviewed must be a full-time School of Social Work faculty member. If an adjunct faculty member would like to make a change to any master syllabi, the adjunct faculty member should consult with his or her

Social Work faculty liaison who will determine if the change warrants a review with the BSW or MSW chair (depending on the course) to determine if the change is substantial.

2. Committee Structure: The committee will have the following structure:

a. Such ad hoc sub-committees as necessary to the achievement of its objectives.

3. Membership:

a. The committee will be comprised of the following members:

i. Chairperson

ii. At least one tenured or tenure earning faculty with teaching assignments in the School of Social Work.

iii. The Field Director or representative of the field faculty

IV Additional faculty with expertise in specific competencies will be invited for consultation as needed.

b. The Chairperson of the Curriculum Committee shall be a senior member of the tenured faculty. The Chairperson will be elected by the voting faculty at the first faculty meeting of the academic year (including the faculty retreat if this falls before the first regularly scheduled faculty meeting). The Chairperson will serve a term of two academic years. If a vacancy should occur, a new chairperson will be elected by the voting faculty at the next regularly scheduled faculty meeting to serve the remainder of the term.

C. Tenure and Promotion Committee

1. The Tenure and Promotion committee will serve as the elected Peer Review committee as defined by the College for purposes of Tenure and Promotion evaluation. In accordance with University governance procedures, only tenured faculty may vote on tenure and promotion of tenured and tenure-earning faculty. As an independent reviewing body, the Committee is responsible for all faculty evaluations regarding mid-tenure, tenure, and promotion. Promotion opportunities are available for faculty in the Instructor, Research Professor, and Research Associate career paths. Faculty who are interested in applying for promotion should review the criteria and guidelines specific to their career path. The documents may be found on the CBCS intranet in the section entitled "Faculty Tenure & Promotion."

2. Composition: This committee shall be comprised of all full-time, faculty of equal or higher rank than the position being sought.
3. The Committee shall be formed in the Fall semester and will serve for one academic year. Committee members will elect a Chair from within the tenured faculty group.

D. Faculty Evaluation Committee

1. Purpose: To provide a process and procedure for the annual evaluation of all members of the faculty by their peers. The Faculty Evaluation Committee is charged with responsibility for oversight of conducting annual faculty evaluations. Faculty evaluations are forwarded to the Director for his/her review; departmental evaluation including those of the Faculty Evaluation committee and Director are then sent to the Dean, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences (CBCS).
2. Composition: The Committee will be comprised of five members elected by the faculty during the first meeting of the academic year. Two members will be tenured, two tenure-earning, and one will be a permanent instructor in the School.
3. Chair Responsibilities: The Chair must be tenured and will be elected by members of the Committee. The Chair will coordinate the evaluation process.
4. Committee Responsibilities:
  - a. Review individual faculty members' self evaluations and evaluation of their teaching, research and service activities and other related assignments. Instructors will abstain from evaluating the research activities of tenured and tenure-earning faculty members.
  - b. Provide a written annual evaluation of each faculty member including the director. The director will be evaluated by the committee on teaching and research only.
  - c. When needed, update faculty evaluation forms and procedures and make recommendations to the faculty for approval and a vote.



- E. Student Affairs Committee
  - 1. Purpose: To provide a process for review of student academic, disciplinary, and/or behavioral issues which affect classroom, field, and/or professional performance.
  - 2. Chair will be appointed by the Director
  - 3. Composition: Chairs of the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs, two members of the faculty, and the Director of Field Education.
  - 4. Term of appointment is for one year, subject to renewal by Director.

## VIII. Affiliated Committees

### A. Professional Field Advisory Committee

- 1. Purpose: Advise the School of Social Work regarding issues of curriculum and field based learning. The Field Advisory Committee meets once in Fall and Spring semesters.
- 2. Duties:
  - a. Provide feedback regarding curricula and student learning.
  - b. Provide updates on current practices and trends in the professional field of social work.
  - c. Support identified projects determined by the Director (i.e. licensing seminars, continued education offerings, etc.

### B. Professional Advisory Council (PAC)

- 1. The purpose of the PAC is to advise the Director and faculty of trends in social work practice regionally and nationally and to help ensure that the School's programs are responsive to the needs of the profession. The PAC also works to broaden and strengthen the relationships between the school and the public, private and non-profit sectors of social work practice to enhance the School's reputation and visibility. The PAC also assists in supporting external relations programs that sustain and enrich USF's School of Social Work alumnae.

2. Chair: The Chair of the Professional Advisory Council is the Director of the School.

Composition: The PAC is comprised of no fewer than 12 leaders in the social service/social work community in the Tampa Bay region.

Generally, members of the PAC hold executive leadership positions within their agencies. Members of the PAC are selected to ensure diversity of practice domains and diversity of opinion and perspective.

The President of the School of Social Work Alumni Society is a standing member of the PAC. Appointments to the PAC are recommended by the Professional Advisory Council and considered by the Director for follow-up action.

3. Duties:

- a. Provide feedback to the School regarding ongoing curriculum development and evaluation;
- b. Discuss regional and national trends in social work practice and ensure that the School's program reflect these trends;
- c. Review program assessment data and suggest areas needing improvement;
- d. Assist the Director in fundraising and securing resources that will enrich the learning environment of the School.

- IX. Awarding Emeritus Status (please refer to latest version of USF Guidelines on Emeritus Status). The School of Social Work will follow the university guidelines on Emeritus Status. In addition to the process outlined in the guidelines, the School of Social Work Director will conduct a vote of the School of Social Work Faculty prior to writing the recommendation letter. The faculty vote is advisory to the Director of the School of Social Work.

- IX. Sexual Harassment, Diversity, and Equal Opportunity

- A. The School of Social Work fully concurs with the University policies regarding

Sexual Harassment. Sexual harassment and discrimination are prohibited at the University of South Florida and behavior which constitutes sexual harassment and discrimination is unacceptable. (USF Policy 0-007).

X. Amendment Procedure:

- A. Amendments to this document may be made by circulating proposed changes at least one week in advance of a meeting at which the amendment is to be discussed. The vote must be delayed until the next Faculty meeting at least one week later with opportunity for further discussion at the second meeting. The vote may be by secret ballot if the Director believes the issue demands it, the governance document requires it, or if requested by the majority of the faculty present. A two-thirds vote of all Faculty members (not merely a quorum) is necessary to pass such amendments. Faculty not in residence may participate by mail ballot.

XI. Ratification Procedure:

- A. This governance document takes effect upon approval by a majority of the Faculty, subject to any administrative procedures. This document can be revised or revoked in the same manner.

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