

## **SOCIAL WORKERS REGISTRATION BOARD**

### **Notes of the 67th Meeting of the Committee on Qualification Assessment and Registration**

Date: 14 May 2018  
Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Venue: Conference Room, 26/F Eastern Commercial Centre, 83 Nam On Street, Shau Kei Wan, Hong Kong.  
Present: Mr. SHIU Ka-chun (Convener)  
Dr. CHU Cheong-hay  
Dr. KWOK Ngai-kuen, Alvin  
Dr. LEUNG Chuen-suen  
Mr. LUN Chi-wai  
Mr. KWAN Wing-shing, Vincent  
Apology: Mr. IP Kim Ching  
Ms. LAW Yee-ming  
Ms. LUK Ka-mei  
Secretary: Mr. LEE Wing-po, Eric, Registrar and  
Ms. FAN Lai-yee, Veronica, Assistant Registrar

#### **Confirmation of the notes of the last meeting**

1. The notes of the last meeting were confirmed without amendment.

#### **Matters arising from the previous meetings**

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## **Qualification Recognition Review**

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### **Review of the PCS**

11. The Convenor updated that he had represented the Board to give a presentation at the Forum of Hong Kong Association of Schools of Social Work (HKASSW) held on 11 May 2018. Some views were collected at the Forum and majority of their concerns were about SSR, the requirement of 5 years social work practice experience for teaching staff, and the recognition of other professional qualifications and experience and private practice experience.
12. The Registrar walked through paragraphs 4.3.4 and 4.3.5 and invited the Committee to consider the proposal. The major changes were highlighted as follows:-
  - (a) Social work was a profession with emphasis on practice and it was reasonable to include the input of fieldwork supervisor in calculating SSR; staff should be with direct contact with not less than 5 students and for a continual period of not less than eight weeks for being eligible to be counted. If such condition was met, the input of fieldwork supervisor would be 0.1.
  - (b) The magic numbers for the SSR ratios were not proposed at this stage.
13. The Committee expressed their views as follows:
  - (a) The SSR should stay with per programme basis.
  - (b) A clearer definition of academic and teaching staff was called for.
  - (c) If the fraction of fieldwork supervisor was set at 0.1 or whatever number, it would become the minimum requirement and the TIs might not put extra resources in employing fieldwork supervisors.
  - (d) The proposal might have implications on resource allocations by TIs as well as the terms of employment.
  - (e) It would be more reasonable and fair to calculate the input of fieldwork supervisors on actual workload or teaching hours but the calculation would be very complicated.
  - (f) In response to the condition of “5 students and 8 weeks” set out in paragraph 4.3.4(a)(iii), it was considered to be too demanding for TIs to ascertain fulfillment of the condition of each and every staff. It was possibly that this section might contravene

with the purpose to ensure ample attention to students to develop them to become professional social workers when small classes were not recognized by the Board. It was suggested to remove paragraph 4.3.4(a)(iii).

- (g) There was a suggestion to count full-time fieldwork supervisors only because part-time fieldwork supervisors were always not easily accessible by students whilst other members suggested to count both full-time and half-time fieldwork supervisors.
  - (h) Regarding paragraph 4.3.4(b)(ii), it was proposed to count the input by employment terms or by time input. A member suggested that full-time staff counted as “1” whilst half-time staff as “0.5” but staff who was employed on job basis would not be counted.
14. Taking into consideration of the case of (anonymized), members agreed to add in paragraph 4.4 of PCS that the financial factor and the identification of social work values by academic units were also considerations of the Board.

**Date of next meeting**

- 15. The next meeting will be held on 28 June 2018, Thursday at 7:30 pm.
- 16. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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