

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-FLINT  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

Approved by the Regents  
June 18, 2009

**ACTION REQUEST**

**SUBJECT:** New Undergraduate Degree Program by the Department of Social Work, School of Education and Human Services at the University of Michigan-Flint

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Approval to offer a new Bachelor of Social Work, School of Education and Human Services at the University of Michigan-Flint

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 19, 2009

The School of Education and Human Services, through the Department of Social Work, at the University of Michigan-Flint proposes a Bachelor of Social Work degree, effective June 19, 2009. This new degree replaces the current Bachelor of Arts in Social Work degree and is in response to needs of our undergraduate students to provide a degree program that aligns the notation and acronyms implicit in the curriculum to the nomenclature of the profession.

The current self-study process for Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) re-accreditation in 2010 has prompted the development of this degree program which strengthens the pedagogy of professional education while retaining the strength of the liberal arts foundation.

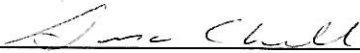
The proposed program will prepare students for careers in social work. The requirements for the new degree are essentially the same as the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work; however, the Bachelor of Social Work will strengthen our graduates' identification with the profession and parallels credentialing at the graduate level with the MSW.

In addition, this new degree will provide clarity to potential employers in hiring decisions and eligibility for State licensure as a social worker. The new Bachelor of Social Work will also provide graduates with a degree that would be recognized by the lay community in building rapport with clients or potential clients.


The proposed degree program fully supports the educational mission of the University of Michigan-Flint. Pending approval of the proposal, the program will begin to admit students for the fall 2009 semester. The new degree has been thoroughly reviewed and supported by the University of Michigan-Flint School of Education and Human Services faculty, Academic Affairs Advisory Committee, the Chancellor's Advisory Committee for Budget and Strategic Planning, and has been approved by the Presidents Council. We currently have sufficient faculty for initial implementation and space to initiate this program.


We therefore enthusiastically recommend and endorse establishing a new Bachelor of Social Work degree through the School of Education and Human Services at the University of Michigan-Flint, effective June 19, 2009.

RECOMMENDED BY:

  
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RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

  
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Jack Kay, Provost and  
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

  
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Ruth J. Person, Chancellor  
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