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To: Academic Affairs Committee

From: Denise Wilson, Chair Graduate Curriculum Committee

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RE: Executive Summary – Sequence in School Social Work, Masters in Social Work

The School Social Work Sequence prepares MSW students to meet state certification requirements for practice in elementary and secondary schools in Illinois (Type 73 Certificate). This sequence contains the certification coursework and practica specified by the Illinois State Board of Education and approved by the Council for Teacher Education. This program meets a specific need for school social workers in the state, particularly in downstate schools.

The program is designed to accommodate 7-10 students annually. Existing seminars and practica will be decimalized to signify their applicability to this sequence, and one new course (3 hours) will be added. No new university resources are needed for the program as course coverage will be provided by existing faculty from the School of Social Work.