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David L. Soltz, PhD, President
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Dear President Soltz:

At its October 2016 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) reviewed the *Reaffirmation* application for the baccalaureate social work program. The COA voted to reaffirm the program's accreditation for 8 years, ending in June 2024, with a *Progress Report* to be reviewed by the COA.

In taking this action, the Commission identified the following area of concern:

Accreditation Standard 3.3.2: *The program discusses how faculty size is commensurate with the number and type of curricular offerings in class and field; class size; number of students; and the faculty's teaching, scholarly and service responsibilities. To carry out the ongoing functions of the program, the full-time equivalent faculty-to-student ratio is usually 1:25 for baccalaureate programs and 1:12 for master's programs.*

The program discusses plans to address the faculty-to-student ratio. However, the faculty-to-student ratio is currently above 1:25, which required for baccalaureate programs.

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Submit three (3) copies of the *Progress Report* no later than August 1, 2017 for review during the October 2017 Commission on Accreditation meeting.

Please be in touch with Yeimarie Lopez, Accreditation Specialist in the Department of Social Work Accreditation, if there are any questions about this letter or the procedures and actions of the Commission on Accreditation.

Sincerely,

Andrew W. Safyer, PhD, MSW
Chair, Commission on Accreditation

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Cc: Dr. Shane Jaynes, Social Work Program Director