2010 Assessment Planning Report on Academic Advising

Department/Program: Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work
Bachelor of Social Work Program

Program Chair: Nathan Chang, MSW
Student Services Coordinator: Mari Ono, MSW
Assessment Coordinator: Violet Horvath, PhD
Report Date: 9/28/10

I. PROGRAM GOAL:

The goal of advising for the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work is to assist students in achieving success in their academic objectives and graduating on a timely basis from the Bachelor of Social Work program.

II. LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Students will be able to use STAR, the UHM Catalog, Credit Check Form, and the Student Handbook to identify and understand program requirements.

2. Students will be able to design a reasonable and timely academic plan that leads to a Bachelor’s of Social Work degree.

3. Students will be able to identify academic, professional, and/or life goals that incorporate his/her personal values, interests, aptitudes and skills.

4. Students will be able to identify and utilize resources to support them in achieving their academic goals.

III. MEASUREMENT:

Objective 1: 100% of student files will have a signed form that will certify that the student has received training on how to use STAR, the UHM Catalog, Credit Check Form, and the Student Handbook to identify and understand program requirements.

Objective 2: 100% of student files will have an academic plan that is updated every semester by student & their faculty advisor.
Objective 3: At least 85% of students will graduate in accordance with the schedule that they have established for themselves (with consideration given to extraneous factors, other than academic advising, that may interfere with this).

Objective 4: In the BSW Exit Survey, all graduating students will indicate that they received assistance in examining academic, professional, and/or life goals for themselves.

Objective 5: In the BSW Exit Survey, all graduating students will indicate that they received assistance in identifying and utilizing appropriate resources to support them in achieving their academic goals when they requested such assistance.

III. PROGRAM ACTIVITY MAP (Learning Opportunities):

1. Incoming New Student Orientation Session for BSW students
2. Semiannual mandated academic advising session
3. Student Reviews
4. Degree audit check for Graduation
5. BSW Exit Survey conducted by SSW Assessment Office

IV. INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION:

Information regarding academic advising, including its goals and objectives, is available at the following sources:

1. New Student Orientation Handbook
2. SSW Website
3. Information posted in Student Activity Center
4. Email through student list serve and in student mailboxes

V. ASSESSMENT TIMELINE/PLAN:

This year, we will add questions to our Exit Survey for use in the evaluation of objectives 4 and 5. We will also be collecting data through student files for use in the evaluation of objectives 1-3. At the end of the 2012 academic year, we will compile a report of the last two year’s results and evaluate the degree to which the program has achieved its student learning outcomes. At the same time, we will evaluate the entire assessment process itself to determine if it is effectively measuring the achievement of program goals and objectives.