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Date: September 13, 2017
To: Rick Muma, Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management
CC: Ron Matson, Dean of the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
From: Dennis Livesay, Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Vice President of Research and Technology Transfer
Re: School of Social Work 3-Year Program Review

This review is part of the 3-year review process of the School of Social Work at Wichita State University. As Dean of the Graduate School, my review and recommendations will be primarily limited to the master's program. I am impressed by the completeness of this document, especially as related to analysis and discussion of learning outcomes. However, while I understand that the learning outcomes are defined by the Council of Social Work Education EPAS standards, I am concerned by the lack of differentiation in the BSW and MSW outcomes. It will be difficult to effectively 'close the loop,' meaning use the assessment data to inform specific programmatic changes, without differentiation.

In addition, there is less "big picture" discussion than I would ideally like to see. Yes, there are goals and a SWOT analysis, but most of the document is retrospective based on its retrospective nature. The most effective program reviews provide a clear vision going forward that helps align actions and efforts. For example, the visions laid out in your pair of Graduate Enrollment Management plans were bold and forward looking, but a similar guiding direction is not present here. Related, I would like to see feedback from alumni (beyond just the Graduate School's exit survey).