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June 26, 2003

Lee Todd, Ph.D.  
President  
University of Kentucky  
Office of the President  
104 Administration Building  
Lexington, Kentucky 40506

Dear President Todd:

At its June 2003 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (Commission) reviewed the application for reaffirmation of the combined social work degree program at University of Kentucky. The review included an assessment of the self-study documents, the site team report, and the program's response. This letter is to inform you that the Commission voted to reaccredit the combined social work degree program for the full eight-year cycle ending February 2011. (The program was granted an administrative postponement of one review cycle, postponing its review date from February 2003 to June 2003.)

The Commission appreciates and affirms the many strengths in the program and commends the efforts of the faculty and others associated with the program in achieving reaffirmation. The Commission identified two areas of concern and requests three copies of a progress report from the program on the following issues. The progress report is due August 15, 2003 for review during the October 2003 meeting of the Commission.

### Combined

**Evaluative Standard 5.6:** The program must have policies and practices that specify students' rights and responsibilities. Consistent with the policies of the institution, the program must enable students to participate in formulating and modifying policies affecting academic and student affairs.

*The College needs to submit its new "Student Handbook" section of its Field Manual.*

### Master's

**Evaluative Standard 1.5:** The program must show evidence that it engages in ongoing, systematic, self study and evaluation of its total program, and show evidence that the results of evaluation affect program planning and curriculum design.

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*The College needs to report on the evaluation of the objectives of its new M.S.W. curriculum and show how the findings have affected program planning and curriculum design.*

Procedures regarding the process for the next reaffirmation are included with this letter. Please be in touch with Dr. Judith Bremner, Senior Educational Specialist in the Division of Standards and Accreditation, if there are questions about this letter or the procedures and actions of the Commission on Accreditation.

Congratulations on the continued accreditation of the combined social work degree program at the University of Kentucky. We look forward to our continuing mutual effort to assure quality in social work education.

Sincerely,



Dean Pierce, Ph.D., Chair  
Commission on Accreditation

DP/JBB/MW

Enclosures: Procedures for Reaffirmation

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