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February 3, 2023

Dr. Kim Fenwick
Acting President and Vice-Cancellor
St. Thomas University
Sent by email

RE: Re-Accreditation of the Bachelor of Social Work program

Dear Dr. Fenwick,

It is a pleasure to inform you that the Commission on Accreditation (COA) of the Canadian Association for Social Work Education-Association canadienne pour la formation en travail social (CASWE-ACFTS) passed the following motion at its January 2023 meeting:

That the COA grant an eight-year re-accreditation to the BSW program at St. Thomas University from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2031. A Self-Study Report is due on April 1, 2030.

The decision was based on the School's Self-Study Report, Readers' Reports presented by two COA members, a site visit and Site Visit Report, as well as a full consideration of all this information and discussion at the at the Commission on Accreditation meeting.

The granting of Re-Accreditation for an eight-year period means the program has met all Accreditation Standards. It is the maximum length of accreditation possible, being the full accreditation cycle allowed by the Procedures for Accreditation.

Please note that four recommendations, listed in the Site Visit Report, have been provided to the School of Social Work, including one recommendation added by the Commission on Accreditation during its January 2023 meeting. While action on recommendations is at the discretion of the School, we encourage you to consider and work on these recommendations as you continue to develop this program. Actions taken on the recommendations should also be included in the next Self Study Report.



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We wish to note that the Commission on Accreditation has made the decision to start this accreditation cycle as of February 1, 2023, as the accreditation of the program was impacted by delays related to the pandemic restrictions. As such, the previous accreditation period was extended until January 31, 2023, exceptionally beyond the regular eight-year accreditation cycle permitted by our procedures.

I would also like to call your attention to the requirement to report immediately any major program changes that may affect the program's ability to meet accreditation standards.

A copy of this letter and the Site Visit Report have been sent to Dr. Marilyn Dupre, Director of the School of Social Work.

In closing I would like to thank Dr. Marilyn Dupre, as well as all within the School of Social Work who participated in the accreditation process. The BSW program at St. Thomas University has much to be proud of and I extend my best wishes for continued success in providing social work education.

Sincerely,

Ginette Berteau, Francophone Co-Chair
Commission on Accreditation

Cc: Marilyn Dupre, Director, School of Social Work
Jason Albert, Anglophone Co-Chair and member of the visiting team
Marie-Christine Bois, Accreditation Coordinator