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Master of Social Work Department

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Bill Felkner
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Dear Mr. Felkner:

I have reviewed your proposed Plan of Study for your concentration year in the MSW program. You have chosen a concentration in Social Work Policy and Organizing (SWOP) that requires coursework in Advanced Policy Practice and Leadership for Progressive Change, as well as a corresponding field placement. I understand that you have told the Director of Field Education, Prof. Jim Ryczek, that you refuse to work on several of the academic learning objectives that are a requirement of the field placement.

The College's Graduate Policies require that all students have a Plan of Study approved by the student's advisor, the department chair, and the appropriate Academic Dean. I cannot approve the Plan of Study you have developed, given your statement that you would not work on a number of the academic objectives of the concentration. As Mr. Ryczek indicated to you in his letter of April 19th, there are other concentrations in the MSW program that you may choose as alternatives to the SWOP concentration. Should you choose an alternative concentration, you will need to develop a Plan of Study for that new concentration.

Sincerely,

Lenore Olsen, Ph.D.
Chair, MSW Program

Cc: Dr. Carol Bennett-Speight, Dean
Prof. Jim Ryczek, Director of Field Education