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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 10 (d)

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

School of Graduate Studies: Proposal of the Faculty of Social Work to add AGE 2000H – Principles of Aging as required course in the Social Work in Gerontology Specialization of the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program, for inclusion in the School of Graduate Studies calendar on a permanent basis, effective September 2005.

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee receives for information minor changes within degree programs.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

By adding the AGE 2000H course (Principles of Aging) as a required course in the Social Work in Gerontology Specialization program of the Master of Social Work, the program will take advantage of the expertise and interdisciplinary core of the Collaborative Program on Aging and the Life Course. The Collaborative Program on Aging is offered at the interdisciplinary Institute for Human Development, Life Course and Aging, allowing the students to learn first hand what they cannot learn in a program exclusively made up of social workers. The Collaborative Program on Aging has strong representations from nursing, medicine, rehabilitation science, pharmacy, dentistry, psychology (to name a few) -- all crucial disciplines that social workers will have to work with when they enter practice in the field of gerontology. It makes sense that they should learn gerontology together at the outset so they are well-prepared for what lies ahead of them in actual practice.

The rationale and calendar changes are outlined in the attached documentation. The program change was approved by the Faculty of Social Work Council (March 2004) and by the Council of the School of Graduate Studies (November 23, 2004).

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the curriculum change.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information.