

Faculty Senate Agenda Item

Number: 06-07

Subject: Dual JD/MSW Degree Program

Description: The Social Work department and the School of Law have jointly developed a program that would better prepare Washburn University students with combined skills in both social work and the professional practice of law. Graduates of the program will be able to work in any area of the legal system when it interacts with the social services. (See attached explanation)

The program curriculum meets all applicable American Bar Association and Council on Social Work Education accreditation guidelines. The two degree programs separately would require a total of 153 credit hours, however, if pursued as a dual degree, there are certain courses accepted by both schools, reducing the number of credit hours to 144.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None. No additional courses will be generated. Students will complete courses which are already in existence in the two existing programs.

RECOMMENDATION: The Graduate Committee requests that the Faculty Senate approve the proposal and, if approved, that it be forwarded for General Faculty approval.

Date: _____

Ron Wasserstein, Graduate Committee Chair