

Implementation of recommendations

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Overall serious attention has been paid to recommendations and notable changes have been made to improve the department. Additional clarification is needed regarding several recommendations:

Section General Recommendations:

- (1) More detail is need on "Field work approved in principal." What level of approval was given? Has a specific budget been created? Is the budget per-capita or lump sum? Does the budget include an inflation factor? Is it anticipated that the "approved" budget will be sufficient?
- (2) Was the retreat held? What steps have been taken to setup a formal mechanism for self-evaluation?
- (3) To what extent are the funds "available through current operating budget" adequate for purchasing the needed computer hardware? Has the hardware been purchased?
- (4) What additional steps are being made to obtain to alleviate the need for dedicated computer support person?

Study Program

- (5) How do the four specializations address the duplication of course content between the BA and MA programs? Has somebody examined the syllabi of courses at the BA and MA levels to see to what extent they differ? Are faculty members in the MA program provided with syllabi to the BA courses in their area to assist them in designing their courses to be an extension and not a repetition?
- (6) What elective courses are given in social policy? Are these new courses?
- (7) What steps have been taken to improve the intellectual level of the practice courses?
- (8) What steps have been taken towards the "major re-evaluation"?