



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

STRENGTHENING THE PROFESSION OF SOCIAL WORK

Leadership in Research, Career Advancement, and Education

1701 Duke Street, Suite 200, Alexandria, VA 22314

TEL 703.683.8080

FAX 703.683.8099

www.cswe.org

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
ACCREDITATION (DOSWA)**

**COMMISSION ON
ACCREDITATION (COA)**

CHAIR
Andrew W. Safyer, PhD, MSW
Adelphi University

CO-CHAIR
Julia A. Guevara, MSW, PhD
Grand Valley State University

COMMISSIONERS
Christopher B. Aviles, PhD, MSW
Buffalo State College

Richard L. Beaulaurier, PhD, MSW
Florida International University

Gemma Douglas Beckley, MSW, DSW
Rust College

Lisa K. Clifton, BSW, MSW, JD
Southeastern University

Michael R. Daley, PhD, MSW
Texas A&M University-Central Texas

Debra Fromm Faria, LCSW
College at Brockport, State University of
New York

Catherine Gayle, PhD, MSW
Savannah State University

Thomas K. Gregoire, PhD, MSW
Ohio State University

Michelle D. Hanna, PhD, MSW
University of Denver

William A. Hoiss, MSSW
University of Wisconsin - Madison

Joanne M. Hessmiller, MSW, PhD
North Carolina A&T State University

Laura E. Kaplan, LCSW, PhD
Walden University

Enid LaGessee, PhD
Retired

Lisa B. Moon, PhD, LCSW
Walden University

Deana F. Morrow, PhD, LICSW, ACSW
West Virginia University

Francis X. R. Origanti, PhD
Avila University

Helen E. Petracchi, PhD, MSSW, ACSW
University of Pittsburgh

Octavio Ramirez, PhD, LICSW, PIP
Oakwood University

Lynette M. Reitz, PhD, MA
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania

Dennis J. Ritchie, PhD, MSW
George Mason University

Clifford J. Rosenbohm, PhD, LCSW
George Fox University

Susan C. Tebb, MSW, PhD
Saint Louis University

Halaevatu F. O. Vakalahi, PhD, MSW
Hawaii Pacific University

DIRECTOR OF ACCREDITATION
Stacey Borasky, EdD, MSW

PRESIDENT & CEO, CSWE
Darla Spence Coffey, PhD, MSW

**CHAIR,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Barbara W. Shank, PhD
St. Catherine University & University of
St. Thomas Collaborative

November 16, 2018

David Johns, PhD
President
Ferrum College
Office of the President
PO Box 1000
Ferrum, VA 24088-1000

Dear President Johns:

At its October 2018 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) reviewed the *Self-Study*, the COA *Letter of Instructions*, the *Site Visit Report*, and the program's response to the report as the *Reaffirmation* application for the baccalaureate social work program. The COA voted to reaffirm the accreditation of the program for 8 years, ending in June 2025, due to a one-year postponement and one-meeting deferral received this cycle.

Congratulations in this achievement.

Please be in touch with Amanda Morgan-Henry, Accreditation Specialist in the Department of Social Work Accreditation, if there are any questions about this letter or the procedures and actions of the Commission on Accreditation.

Sincerely,

Andrew W. Safyer, PhD, MSW
Chair, Commission on Accreditation

AWS/AMH

Cc: Jennie West, MSW
MSW Coordinator, Social Work Program



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Steven R. Staples, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Public Instruction

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2120
Richmond, Virginia 23218-2120

Office: (804) 225-2023
Fax: (804) 371-2099

December 12, 2014

President Jennifer L. Braaten
Ferrum College
P. O. Box 1000
Ferrum, Virginia 24088

Dear President Braaten:

The *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* (8VAC20-542-10 et seq.), effective September 21, 2007, and amended January 19, 2011, set forth the options for the accreditation of professional education programs at Virginia institutions of higher education. Ferrum College requested accreditation through the Board of Education approved process.

On November 20, 2014, the Virginia Board of Education approved the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's recommendation that the teacher education program at Ferrum College be "accredited," indicating that the program has met the standards as set forth in 8VAC20-542-60 of the *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia*.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the teacher preparation program. Please convey my appreciation to the faculty, staff, and students in the Education Department for their commitment to ensuring a high quality professional education program. If you have questions regarding the Board's decision, please contact Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, at (804) 371-2522 or Patty.Pitts@doe.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.R. Staples", written over a horizontal line.

Steven R. Staples

SRS/psp

c: ✓ Dr. Gail L. Summer
Dr. Kevin Reilly
Dr. Mary Ann Norman
Mrs. Patty S. Pitts