



CalSWEC

California Social Work Education Center

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POLICY AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION

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Background

In October 2017, the CalSWEC Board passed a motion to accept the proposed reorganization of Board membership and meetings per the 2016 CalSWEC Strategic Plan. Descriptions of existing Permanent Committees were modified by the CalSWEC Executive Committee to incorporate themes offered by stakeholders on the role of CalSWEC reflected in the strategic planning document.

These descriptions were included in the Amended Bylaws which were approved in February 2018. Subsequently, the CalSWEC Advisory Board charged an ad hoc committee to review and refine the bylaw language used to describe the Permanent Committees so it was clearer and more actionable. These descriptions were presented to the Policy and Advocacy Committee at the October 18, 2018 Committee to review, discuss and recommend as charters to guide future committee activities and inform the CalSWEC mission. The Committee recommended that the description include reference to native policy and issues, as well as ethics, social justice, equity.

Following is a revised description of the Policy and Advocacy Committee attendees' consideration. Assuming this description is acceptable, the Committee Co-Chairs will recommend that Bylaws language be adopted and amended to reflect the new description and serve as the committee's charter.

Policy and Advocacy Committee is a permanent committee and shall be responsible for formulating recommendations and reports to the Advisory Board on how current or proposed local, state and federal social welfare policies and practices may support or threaten the well-being of the people of California, especially as they pertain to workforce development, education, and retention. This committee shall:

- Recommend or undertake advocacy actions if approved by the Advisory Board.
- Identify and develop relationships with state policy makers and develop regular communication with them in concert with the Executive Committee, the Advisory Board and CalSWEC staff.
- Inform the Master Plan for Social Work Education annually as a basis for recommendations and advocacy.
- Place specific focus on Native American policy and issues.
- Address ethics, social justice and equity issues as they pertain to social welfare policies and practices in California.

The Policy and Advocacy Committee may receive or make requests of other CalSWEC Advisory Board committees.

Note: Original committee descriptions appear in the 2018 amended bylaws.