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Quality in Domestic Joint and Dual Master’s Degrees

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Victor Prybutok – Presenting: an overview of joint University of North Texas and Texas Women’s University MSW

Michael Keynes – Presenting: challenges and emerging solutions to offering a joint degree, Ethics in Global Affairs

John Keller – Presenting: an overview of best practices related to policies on double counting of credits and ensuring a minimum number of credits in each degree program
University of North Texas

Carnegie Tier 1 Research Institution

Fall 2019 Enrollment

Total: 39,190
Masters: 4,372
Doctoral: 1,891
• Joint Master’s of Social Work (MSW) between UNT & TWU
  – UNT: 3 FT faculty, +1 FT clinical faculty who is Field Director
  – TWU: 3 FT faculty
  – How students are assigned to TWU or UNT:
    • Students complete a preliminary application and are assigned to a university before final and complete review of application but after they are seen to meet minimum standards.
    • How is the university to which they need to apply decided? Assignment is made to maintain equal distribution between TWU/UNT. After meeting minimum standards and before full review of the application (Step 1), the applicant is sent to ApplyTexas with their assigned university. Step 2 of the process involves full review of the program application and the ApplyTexas application.
    • Sometimes scholarships inform which university—If a student gets a scholarship they may request the university they attend. If a student has a family member at UNT or TWU they can request assignment to that university due to tuition benefits.
    • We have a rating system with teams from both universities doing the ratings for all students.
    • Do they apply for both universities and apply once for the program? They apply once to the university where they are assigned.
MSW Joint Degree, slide 2

• What does the Diploma say? Joint diploma saying TWU/UNT.
• Took over a year to develop
• Why develop a joint program between two Universities?
  – 50 Years of collaborative / shared degree experience with the Federation
  – Resources
  – Better option for students because
    • Broader faculty expertise & opportunities to connect with faculty
    • Institutional resources are combined, leveraging resources
    • Joint Parking Sticker—one pass for both campuses
    • Access to many resources of both Universities
    • Fosters collaborative research across universities
History with other Joint Degrees was the foundation for the MSW

- Federation Degrees that are collaborations among UNT, TWU and TAMU Commerce. The Federation has been active for over 50 years.
  - Biochemistry and Molecular Biology – Ph.D.
  - Counseling Psychology – Ph.D.
  - Interdisciplinary Studies - M.A./M.S.
  - Language and Literacy Studies – as a concentration under the Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction.
  - Literacy Education - as a specialization under the M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction
  - Sociology – Ph.D.
  - Special Education – Ph.D.
Thank You!

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