

Social Work Week: Three Conferences, One City

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Benefits for Faculty and Students

- ❖ Opportunities for faculty and students to network across organizations
- ❖ Opportunities to register for one or more conferences
 - ✧ Possibly a “special registration rate” to encourage attendance across conferences
- ❖ Opportunities to attend sessions across conferences
- ❖ Socialization of doctoral students to social work education
- ❖ Providing doctoral students and new faculty with information and opportunities to dialogue about curriculum policy, teaching methodologies, and integration of teaching and research

Benefits for Schools

- ❖ Ability to interview prospective faculty members at one venue
- ❖ Savings of travel funds for faculty who present at more than one professional social work conference
- ❖ Ability for social work education leaders to meet, plan and offer “grand programs”
- ❖ Opportunity for better media coverage for social work
 - ✧ Speak with a louder voice!

Conclusions

- ❖ Common time and location will create more opportunities for meeting the common goal of informing social work educators on innovative teaching and scholarship.
- ❖ Opportunity for students to participate in more professional meetings.
- ❖ Enhanced opportunity for media coverage.
- ❖ Budget Savings
 - ✧ Travel cost for only one trip.
 - ✧ Better room and meeting site rates.

Social Work Week makes sense!

Motion

The members of the National Association of Deans and Directors (NADD) direct that the leadership of NADD engage leaders of national social work organizations in a collaborative process that will result in holding their national conferences beginning in 2020 in the same week and city.