

College of Social Work
2025-2026 Committee Rosters

Faculty Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee

This committee makes recommendations to the Dean on the appointment of new members to the College, promotions, the granting of tenure, terminal appointments/reappointments, decisions not to reappoint, and post-retirement appointments following UK procedures. The committee may consult with the Dean regarding procedures for the evaluation of faculty and may hear appeals by faculty members who, after a conference with the Dean, remain in disagreement regarding a merit rating or evaluation. The committee may function as a Search Committee for new faculty upon request by the Dean.

Chair: Julie Cerel

Vice Chair: Tarkington Newman

Name	Role
Julie Cerel	Faculty
Victoria Collins	Faculty
Karen Lawrence	Faculty
Tarkington Newman	Faculty
Natalie Pope (<i>Sabbatical Fall 2025</i>)	Faculty
Xiafei Wang	Faculty

Faculty Council

The council shall serve as the vehicle for shared governance within the College on issues including but not limited to strategic planning, evaluation, budget, and space. Additionally, the council shall review and evaluate proposed changes in policies and procedures of importance to the College and advises the administration; review status of recommendations from the faculty; serve as liaison between faculty and College/University administration; provide a forum for faculty discussion of current or impending issues; assess needs and concerns of faculty and translates into action plans, and facilitates the review of faculty Bylaws of the College of Social Work a minimum of every two years in even years and recommends changes or modifications to the faculty.

Chair: Sheila Barnhart

Vice Chair: Glenn Sterner

Name	Role
Sheila Barnhart	Faculty
Paul Bleakley	Faculty
Diane Loeffler	Faculty
Nicole McKenna	Faculty
Tarkington Newman	Faculty
Glenn Sterner	Faculty
Richard Weaver	Faculty

Admissions and Retention Committee

The Admissions and Retention Committee is responsible for recommending policies, criteria and procedures for admission of students, reviews data on College admissions, and recommends policies and procedures for sound and effective admission and retention experiences.

Chair: Yeon Jin Choi

Vice Chair: Aaron Brown

Name	Role
Aaron Brown	Faculty
Yeon Jin Choi	Faculty
Dexter Freeman	Faculty
Kenneth Harris	Faculty
Kristel Scoresby	Faculty
Khloe Schwaniger (BASW)	Student
Dewanna Chambliss-Young (DSW)	Student
Amanda Brown	Ex Officio
Victoria Collins	Ex Officio
Laura Escobar-Ratliff	Ex Officio
Matt Moore	Ex Officio
Natalie Pope (Aubrey Jones, Fall 2025)	Ex Officio
Shelita Jackson	Ex Officio

Awards Committee (ad-hoc)

The Ad-Hoc Award Committee is established to explore, develop, and recommend a sustainable framework for recognizing and celebrating faculty and staff contributions across teaching, research, service, and community engagement. This committee will serve as a pilot initiative to assess the value and structure of a long-term faculty and staff awards process within the CoSW.

Chair: Andrea Deweese

Vice Chair: Keith Watts

Name	Role
Andrea Deweese*	Chief Well-being Officer
Teresa Murray	Faculty
Tara Pulaski*	Staff Council Representative
Stephanie Quiring	Faculty
Glenn Sterner	Faculty
Keith Watts	Faculty

Culture, Alliance, Resilience, and Engagement (CARE) Committee

This CARE Committee is tasked with promoting a positive work and academic environment. Specifically, the committee works with the CoSW administrators/leaders to concept and actualize values, beliefs, and behaviors that shape CoSW's culture, promote and implement strategies to promote that culture, and track progress toward cultural goals to evaluate their effectiveness.

Chair: Taylor Dowdy-Hazlett

Vice Chair: Paul Bleakley

Name	Role
Paul Bleakley	Faculty
Rebecca Bosetti	Faculty
Taylor Dowdy-Hazlett	Faculty
Carlyn Kimiecik	Faculty
Melissa Lee	Faculty
Nicole Mckenna	Faculty

Curriculum Committee

This committee reviews, develops, and recommends educational policy to the faculty covering the undergraduate and master's programs. It develops, coordinates and reviews curriculum ensuring compliance with the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) educational expectations, evaluates the quality of educational outcomes of courses and programs within the College, ensures the maintenance of scholastic and professional standards, recommends policies concerning academic calendars, class scheduling, reviews new program and course proposals. It may perform other functions as assigned by the faculty.

Chair: Aaron Brown

Name	Role
Graeme Bicknell	Faculty
Paul Bleakley	Faculty
Lynden Bond	Faculty
Aaron Brown	Faculty
Shelby Clark	Faculty
Diane Loeffler	Faculty
Courtney Lynch	Faculty
Cherra Mathis	Faculty
Colleen Bostic (CJ/SW)	Student
Ronnie Wayne (DSW)	Student
Amanda Brown	Ex Officio
Victoria Collins	Ex Officio
Laura Escobar-Ratliff	Ex Officio
Matt Moore	Ex Officio
Natalie Pope (Aubrey Jones, Fall 2025)	Ex Officio
Shelita Jackson	Ex Officio
Stephanie Ratliff	Ex Officio

Doctoral Committee

This committee integrates the doctoral programs into the College’s mission, overall functioning, and teaching, research, and service agenda, assists the Doctoral program directors in setting policy regarding admissions, advising, reviewing curricula, progression of students, examinations, recruitment, curricula and general oversight of the doctoral programs.

Chair: Lynden Bond

Vice Chair: Kathryn Showalter

Name	Role
Lynden Bond	Faculty
Shelby Clark	Faculty
Maria Hall-Faul	Faculty
Karen Lawrence	Faculty
Kathryn Showalter	Faculty
Keith Watts	Faculty
Paul Perales (DSW)	Student
Blake Conley (PhD)	Student
Matt Moore	Ex Officio
Laura Escobar-Ratliff	Ex Officio
Natalie Pope (Aubrey Jones, Fall 2025)	Ex Officio

Membership Committee

This committee solicits committee service preferences from CoSW faculty members (except for those committees that require a faculty vote, as indicated in the bylaws) and, considering the representation across faculty ranks and title series, compiles committee assignment recommendations for the academic year. This committee also assesses and make recommendations associated with committee reporting, terms, assessment, and other areas pertinent to committee functioning.

Chair: Pending

Name	Role
Julie Cerel	Faculty
Edward Jones	Faculty
Abigail Latimer	Faculty
Nicole Mckenna	Faculty
Shawndra Pickett	Faculty
Kathryn Showalter	Faculty
Xiafei Wang	Faculty

Research Committee

This committee is concerned with encouraging, promoting, and coordinating research within the College. It may review and recommend policies associated with conducting research and grant-writing, mentoring faculty and students for research and publication, and disseminating information about research produced within the College.

Chair: Tarkington Newman
Vice Chair: Sheila Barnhart

Name	Role
Sheila Barnhart	Faculty
Rebecca Bosetti	Faculty
Yeon Jin Choi	Faculty
Taylor Dowdy-Hazlett	Faculty
Edward Jones	Faculty
Tarkington Newman	Faculty
Ben Ison (CJ/SW)	Student
Isaiah Beasley (MSW)	Student
Jacqueline Duron	Ex Officio

Strategic Planning and Quality Improvement Committee

This committee develops short and long-term strategic plans for the College with budget implications, reviews and oversees the implementation of quantitative and qualitative measures for use in program assessment, incorporates data assessment results into the strategic planning process and makes recommendations for program modifications to appropriate committees or administrators.

Chair: Abigail Latimer
Vice Chair: Glenn Sterner

Name	Role
Laneshia Conner	Faculty
Aubrey Jones	Faculty
Carlyn Kimiecik	Faculty
Abigail Latimer	Faculty
Mark Oliver	Faculty
Glenn Sterner	Faculty
Anthony Traver	Faculty
Bella Jones (SW)	Student
Laura McKee (DSW)	Student

Student Concerns Committee

The Student Concerns Committee is responsible for responding to reports about students whose behavior raises concerns among CoSW faculty, staff, students, and/or external stakeholders (e.g., field placements, etc.). The committee is tasked with gathering/sharing information (as applicable), assisting in the development of coordinated responses and plans, recommending and reviewing policies regarding the handling of student grievances and adjudicating matters that violate CoSW, UK, and other applicable professional or academic standards.

Chair: Cherra Mathis

Vice Chair: Mary Scanlon

Name	Role
Maria Hall-Faul	Faculty
Lataya Hawkins	Faculty
Cherra Mathis	Faculty
Stephanie Quiring	Faculty
Mary Scanlon	Faculty
Kristel Scoresby	Faculty
Anthony Traver	Faculty
Amanda Brown	Ex Officio
Victoria Collins	Ex Officio
Laura Escobar-Ratliff	Ex Officio
Matt Moore	Ex Officio
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