Charter of the Ph.D. Student Representatives, 
as Members of the Ph.D. Committee

Mission:

The Ph.D. Committee is responsible for the oversight of the Ph.D. Program and ensuring that the program remains consistent with the School of Social Work mission, current practices in the field of social work, and the needs of the profession. Two Ph.D. students represent student interests and concerns as voting members of the Ph.D. Committee.

Membership:

Ph.D. Student Representatives serve a two-year term. One Student Representative is chosen each year by the constituency of all Ph.D. students. This allows for consistency in the Committee by staggering the two-year terms. The election will take place no later than the second week of November of the current year.

Purposes:

The purposes of the Ph.D. Student Representatives are to:

- Communicate student interests and concerns to the Ph.D. Committee
- Provide enhanced communication between the Ph.D. Committee faculty and students.
- Assume role as SAC representative to the RPT Committee according to ASUU guidelines.
- Ensure ongoing support of student/student and faculty/student functions such as socials and intellectual community building.
- Liaison with ASSW, Student Council and College Council.

Meetings:

Ph.D. Student Representatives attend all monthly meetings of the Ph.D. Committee during the school year and the Ph.D. Committee Program Retreat. They are excused when the Committee begins closed sessions to address student progress reports and admission applications.

Ph.D. Student Representatives meet with the Ph.D. Program Director on a monthly basis, and as requested.

Benefits:

Ph.D. Student Representatives have access to a fund to provide food or other necessary items for announced student/student and faculty/student functions.

Ph.D. Student Representatives are invited to attend the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Their conference expenses will be reimbursed by CSW in exchange for some administrative responsibilities during the conference.