

## PRACTICUM ADVISORS

### CONFERENCE CALL AGENDA AND DISCUSSION

#### 1. **Practicum extension:** Until April 13 to concentrate only on practicum.

- Beginning of Term IV has been changed from March 23 to April 13. The additional three-weeks are to enable students to concentrate solely on their practicums. This is **not** an extension of Term III. Students still need to request an extension for their other courses if they have not completed them by February 28.
- A Practicum Term III grade will be given following the April 13 deadline.

#### 2. **Advisor responsibility:**

- **Recommended: The advisor is responsible for the final evaluation and grading of the practicum work.** Letter grade of at least A or B.
- Practicum advisors serve as “thesis advisors” and have broad authority.

#### 3. **Grading practicums:**

- Field Guide: States that students may not take any practicum course Pass/Fail
- Class 2 received letter grades for each term. Class 3 received letter grades for Term I, but “progress” for Term II. Should “progress” be given again for Term III?

#### 4. **Orientation of practicum:** Research or Applied?

- Are the students clear about the two different tracks: 1) research – testing an idea using a hypothesis and research questions; 2) applied – implementing a project. The applied approach is required by differing country regulations.
- What are the IRB implications? Only students doing research dealing with human subjects involving medical or confidential material turn in a research plan, instruments, and letter of informed consent.

#### 5. **Faculty College:**

- Time and format – Suggested: one day in May via video-conferencing (what day is best?)
- Main topic: How to effectively advise and mentor students in their communities from a distance. Other agenda items?

#### 6. **Contracts:** Should the practicum be part of a contract?

#### 7. **Textbook:** Currently using *Doing Research in the Real World* by David Gray. Is this text helpful? Is there something better for our practicum?