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The Honourable Dr. Reza Moridi Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities 900 Bay Street 3rd floor, Mowat Block Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Dear Minister:

Re: Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning's application for consent to offer a Bachelor of Behavioural Science

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000* (the Act), Humber College applied for consent to offer a Bachelor of Behavioural Science.

In accordance with section 5(2) of the Act, the application was referred on July 2, 2013 to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application against standards and benchmarks identified in its *Handbook for Ontario Colleges, 2010,* and made its final recommendation on the application on November 18, 2014.

Based on

- the applicant's submission
- the findings of the expert panel appointed by the Board to assess this program against the Board's standards and benchmarks for an Honours Baccalaureate degree
- the applicant's response to the panel report
- any additional materials provided by the applicant to the Board
- any commitments made by the applicant during the review process
- the Board's assessment of the information

the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board finds that revisions to the program proposal are required to meet the Board's standards. However, given the proposed program's strengths, Humber's commitments made during the review, and Humber's experience honouring commitments and in ensuring the quality of its degrees, the Board recommends that consent be granted for seven years to Humber College to offer a Bachelor of Behavioural Science at its Lakeshore Campus, 3199 Lake Shore Boulevard West, Toronto. The Board recommends that as conditions of consent, Humber be required to

- maintain its approval with the Behaviour Analyst Certification Board
- submit an updated faculty and hiring plan one month prior to program launch
- submit finalized course outlines one month prior to program launch.

The Board's recommendations are predicated on an assumption, and the Minister's requirement, that consent holders will meet the terms and conditions of consent which require them to honour all commitments made in the application and during the course of the review. The risks resulting from inadequate program quality are considerable and can range from individual risks to students who do not achieve the education they expect to the potential harm to the reputation of Ontario degrees.

Yours truly,

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