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The Honourable Dianne Cunningham
Minister, Training Colleges and Universities
3rd floor, 900 Bay Street
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Dear Minister:

Re: Application from the University of Abertay Dundee:
Recommendation to Deny Consent

Pursuant to section 5 (1) of the *Post-secondary Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, the University of Abertay Dundee applied for your consent to offer a Master of Science degree in Computer Games Technology. In accordance with section 5.2 of the *Act*, you referred the application on November 12, 2002 to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accord with its *Handbook for Public Organizations*, and considered the application at its meeting of May 20, 2003.

Based on:

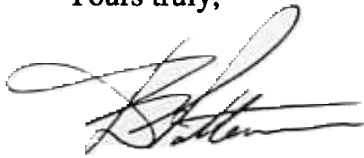
- the applicant's submission,
the findings of the Quality Assessment Panel appointed by the Board to assess the proposal against the Board's standards and benchmarks for a Master's degree program,
- the applicant's response to the panel's report,
- any additional materials provided by the applicant to the Board, and
- the Board's assessment of the information,

The Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board recommends that you deny consent to the application from the University of Abertay Dundee to offer a Master of Science program in Computer Games Technology.

In making this recommendation, the Board discussed the issues identified by the quality assessment panel and the applicant's response at length. Among a number of concerns raised by the panel was that the materials submitted to the Board by the applicant do not fully reflect the content of the program or the level of Algoma College's contribution to program delivery. Even if the Board's record of the submission were complete,

information pertaining to some of the Board's criteria would nevertheless require resubmission by the applicant and further review by qualified assessors.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Patterson", written in a cursive style.

Dale Patterson,
Chair