



Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
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The Honourable John Milloy
Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities
900 Bay Street
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Dear Minister:

Re: Application from Charles Sturt University for Ministerial consent to renew its Bachelor of Primary Education Studies with a concurrent option: Recommendation to Grant Consent

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, Charles Sturt University applied for your consent to renew its Bachelor of Primary Education Studies introducing a concurrent option for undergraduate students enrolled in appropriate degrees at McMaster University.

In accordance with section 5.2 of the Act, the application was referred on August 29th, 2008 to the Board for its review and recommendation. In accordance with your instructions of January 4, 2010, this recommendation pertains to the concurrent option only.

The Board reviewed the application in accordance with its *Handbook for Public Organizations, February 2006*, and gave final consideration to the application on December 15th, 2009.

Based on:

- the applicant's submission;
- the findings of the Quality Assessment 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's report;
- any additional materials provided by the applicant to the Board;
- any commitments made by the applicant during the review process; and
- the Board's assessment of the information;

the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board finds that the proposed program meets the Board's standards, and recommends that you grant consent to Charles Sturt

University to offer a concurrent Bachelor of Primary Education Studies at Charles Sturt University, Ontario, Bay Area Learning Centre, 860 Harrington Court, Burlington, ON, L7N 3N4.

Yours truly,



Dale Patterson,
Chair

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