



Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
Commission d'évaluation de la qualité de l'éducation postsecondaire

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October 28th, 2009

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 consent to offer a Bachelor of Science (Forensic Biotechnology): Recommendation to Grant Consent

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, Charles Sturt University applied for consent to offer a Bachelor of Science (Forensic Biotechnology).

In accordance with section 5.2 of the Act, the application was referred on February 27th, 2009 to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with its *Handbook for Public Organizations, February 2006*, and gave final consideration to the application on October 20th, 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 standards and benchmarks and recommends that you grant consent to Charles Sturt

University to offer a Bachelor of Science (Forensic Biotechnology) at the Bay Area Learning Centre, 860 Harrington Court, Burlington, ON L7N 3N4 and at Mohawk College of Applied Arts & Technology, 135 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L9C 1E9.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Patterson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dale Patterson,
Chair

cc Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
Deborah Newman, Deputy Minister
Marie-Lison Fougère, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Programs Division
Marion Crane, Assistant Deputy Minister, Postsecondary Education Division
Martin Hicks, Director, Postsecondary Accountability Branch