



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 Dalhousie University to offer a Master of Business Administration (Financial Services)

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, Dalhousie University applied to offer a Master of Business Administration (Financial Services).

In accordance with section 5.2 of the Act, the application was referred on January 4, 2010 to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with its *Handbook for Public Organizations, 2010*. The Board gave final consideration to the application at its meeting of October 26, 2010.

Based on

- the applicant's submission;
- the findings of the Quality Assessment Panels appointed by the Board to assess this program against the Board's standards and benchmarks for a Master's degree;
- the applicant's response to the panels' reports;
- 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 Board finds that the proposed program meets the Board's standards and recommends that consent be granted.

The Board's recommendation is predicated on an assumption that Dalhousie University will meet the terms and conditions for consent which require it to honour all commitments made in the application and during the course of the review.

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, MTCU
Marie-Lison Fougère, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Programs
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Nancy Naylor, Assistant Deputy Minister, Postsecondary Education Division, MTCU
Martin Hicks, Director, Postsecondary Accountability Branch, MTCU