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The Honourable John Milloy  
Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities  
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Dear Minister:

**Re: Application from Georgian College to amend its consents to offer a Bachelor of Applied Business (Automotive Management); Bachelor of Applied Business (Golf Management); and Bachelor of Applied Human Services (Police Studies) by adding a single liberal arts elective: Recommendation to Grant Consent**

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Postsecondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, Georgian College applied to amend its consents to offer a Bachelor of Applied Business (Automotive Management), Bachelor of Applied Business (Golf Management), and Bachelor of Applied Human Services (Police Studies) by adding a single liberal arts elective to these three programs.

In accordance with section 5.2 of the Act, the application was referred on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with the *Handbook for Ontario Colleges, February 2006*, and gave final consideration to the application on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

Based on the applicant's submission and the Board's consideration of its benchmarks related to its liberal arts requirement, the Board finds that the proposed amendment meets the Board's standards and recommends that you grant consent to Georgian College to implement this change in each of the three programs.

The Board also recommends that a change to the Standard Terms and Conditions of the college consents be implemented in order to streamline the process whereby colleges seek permission to make changes to programs offered by consent.

As per the current Standard Terms and Conditions of consent, colleges are required to notify you when program changes are contemplated. Proposed changes, including those to make changes to the learning outcomes; delivery methods; admission requirements; and so on, often result in the necessity to submit an application to amend the consent. In the interests of efficient use of Board, college, and ministry resources; and facilitating college responsiveness to changing circumstances and opportunities; the Board recommends that

the Minister's terms and conditions of consent for colleges of applied arts and technology be amended to

- enable colleges to submit proposed changes to the degree program directly to PEQAB for its review; and
- require colleges to achieve a successful PEQAB review prior to implementation of any proposed changes.

Yours truly,



Dale Patterson,  
Chair

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