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

**Re: Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning's application for consent to offer a Bachelor of Social Science (International Development)**

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000* (the Act), Humber College applied for your consent to offer a Bachelor of Social Science (International Development).

In accordance with section 5.2 of the Act, the application was referred on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with standards and benchmarks identified in its *Handbook for Ontario Colleges, 2010*, and gave final consideration to the application on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

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 Humber College to offer a Bachelor of Social Science (International Development) at its Lakeshore Campus, 3199 Lakeshore Boulevard West.

The Board's recommendations are predicated on an assumption and the Minister's requirement that consent holders will meet the terms and conditions of consent which require them to honour all commitments made in the application and during the course of the review. Should these commitments, which include commitments to hire the appropriate faculty, not be honoured by Humber College, the program will not meet the Board's standards. The risks resulting from inadequate program quality are considerable and can range from individual risks to students who do not achieve the education they expect to the potential harm to the reputation of Ontario degrees. Given their importance, the Board recommends that you seek

assurance from Humber that commitments made during the course of the review are honoured.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Patterson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dale Patterson,  
Chair

cc Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board  
Deborah Newman, Deputy Minister, MTCU  
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