



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: Universität Mannheim's application for consent to offer a joint Master of Arts in Intercultural German Studies with the University of Waterloo

Pursuant to section 5(1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000* (the Act), the Universität Mannheim (U Mannheim) applied for your consent to offer a joint Master of Arts in Intercultural German Studies with the University of Waterloo.

In accordance with section 5.2 of the Act, the application was referred on May 20th, 2011 to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with the procedures, standards, and benchmarks identified in its *Handbook for Public Organizations, 2010*, and gave final consideration to the application on July 18th, 2011.

Based on:

- the applicant's submission;
- additional materials provided by the applicant to the Board including:
 - the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies' consultants' report;
 - a summary of policies and procedures at U Mannheim; and
 - the Intercultural German Studies Student Handbook;
- the Board's recognition of the findings of the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies;
- 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 consent be granted to Universität Mannheim to offer a joint Master of Arts in Intercultural German Studies with the University of Waterloo.

Should you decide to grant consent, the Board recommends that the consent be granted for an unlimited period provided that the program is reviewed by the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance as part of its regular cycle and provided that none of the policies and procedures as submitted to the Board as part of the review are diminished.

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.

Yours truly,

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

Maureen Morton,
Chair

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