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The Honourable Dianne Cunningham
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Dear Minister:

**Re: Michener Institute of Applied Health Sciences
Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Laboratory Science)**

Pursuant to section 5 (1) of the *Post-secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, the Michener Institute of applied Health sciences applied for your consent to offer a degree program entitled Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Laboratory Science). In accordance with section 5.2 of the *Act*, you referred the application on November 27, 2002 to the Board for its review and recommendation.

By a memorandum dated July 22, 2002 addressed to the Michener Institute, Frances Lamb, Acting Director, Universities Branch, indicated that the Institute would be considered a public organization for any matter falling under the terms of the *Act*. Accordingly, the Board reviewed the application in accord with its *Handbook for Public Organizations*.

In accord with its procedures, the Board posted the application on its web site on December 10 and invited public comments from stakeholders and the general public. The resulting comments were provided to the applicant.

In its first discussion of the proposal, in a meeting held on December 17, 2002, the Board identified some questions for the applicant. On February 3, 2003 the Board received the Michener Institute's responses to those questions. On February 25, the Board again reviewed the application, discussed issues arising from it, and formulated its recommendation to you.

Based on

- the program proposal submitted by the applicant;

- the Board's consideration of comments from stakeholders;
 - the Board's preliminary review of the application and request for more information and clarification from the applicant (in a letter dated December 19, 2002);
 - the additional materials and commitments provided by the applicant to the board (in a letter dated January 31, 2003); and
 - the Board's assessment of all this information,
- the Board recommends that this program not be granted ministerial consent.

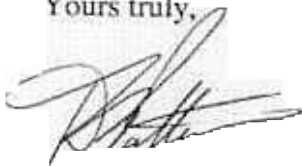
The Board concluded that the proposed program does not meet certain requirements published in the Board's *Handbook for Public Organizations*. It found that the Michener Institute does not have at this time a sufficient cluster of appropriate expertise at the necessary academic degree level to mount, further develop and sustain a stand-alone degree program in the field.

Specifically, the Board found that the proposal failed to meet the following benchmarks in its Capacity to Deliver Standard:

- The applicant has failed to demonstrate that faculty have advanced academic credentials (normally the terminal academic credentials in the field) as required by Benchmark 2 of the Capacity to Deliver Standard (renumbered as Benchmark 8 in the current *Handbook*); and
- The applicant has failed to provide evidence of satisfactory policies defining the academic/professional credentials required of faculty teaching all courses in the program as required by Benchmark 4(a) of the Capacity to deliver Standard (renumbered as Benchmark 9(a) in the current *Handbook*).

Having made that determination, the Board decided not to proceed with a review of other elements in the submission at this time.

Yours truly,



Dale Patterson

cc Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
Kevin Costante, Deputy Minister
Jessica Hill, Assistant Deputy Minister, Postsecondary Division