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April 21, 2004

The Honourable Mary Anne Chambers  
Minister, Training Colleges and Universities  
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Dear Minister:

**Re: Application from Niagara University to offer a Master of Science in  
Education (Administration and Supervision)  
Recommendation to grant consent**

Pursuant to section 5 (1) of the *Post-secondary Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, Niagara University applied for a renewal of consent to offer a Master of Science in Education (Administration and Supervision). Niagara University has had consent to offer this program in Ontario since 1989, and this is the first time that the program has been reviewed by the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board.

In accordance with section 5.2 of the *Act*, you referred the application on August 7, 2003 to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accord with its *Handbook for Private Organizations, July 2003*. Over the course of the review, Niagara University made significant revisions to, among other things, the curriculum of the proposed program. The submission and its revisions, the reports of the organization and quality assessment panels, and the university's responses were considered by the Board at its meeting of April 20, 2004.

Based on:

the applicant's submission,  
the applicant's revisions to the submission over the course of the review,  
the findings of the Organization Review Panel appointed by the Board to assess  
the organization against the Board's organization standards and benchmarks,

the findings of the Quality Assessment Panel appointed by the Board to assess the program against the Board's program quality standards and benchmarks for a Master's degree program,  
the applicant's responses to the panel 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 Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board found that the program meets its Master's degree level and other standards and recommends that you **grant consent** to Niagara University to offer a Master of Science in Education (Administration and Supervision). The Board further recommends that a condition of consent be that in public materials that refer to the program offered in Ontario (including but not limited to recruitment and advertising materials, and the university's calendar and web site), Niagara University a) refer to the program either as a Master of Science in Education or MSE; and b) not refer to the program as a Master of Science or MSc.

Yours truly,



Dale Patterson,  
Chair

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