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The Honourable Christopher Bentley
Minister, Training, Colleges and Universities
3rd floor, 900 Bay Street
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Dear Minister:

**Re: Application from Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology
to offer a Bachelor of Applied Business (International Commerce
and Global Development) program:
Recommendation to Grant Consent**

Pursuant to section 5 (1) of the *Post-secondary Choice and Excellence Act, 2000*, Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology applied on June 30, 2005, for consent to offer a Bachelor of Applied Business (International Commerce and Global Development) program in an applied area of study. In accordance with section 5.2 of the *Act*, the Minister referred the application on August 18, 2005, to the Board for its review and recommendation. The Board reviewed the application in accordance with the relevant standards in its *Handbook for Ontario Colleges, April 2005*. The submission, the report of the quality assessment panel, and the applicant's response were considered by the Board at its meeting of January 17, 2006.

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 a baccalaureate program in an applied area of study,
- the applicant's response to the panels' 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 finds that the proposed program meets the Board's standards, and the Board recommends that you grant consent to Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology to offer a Bachelor of Applied Business (International Commerce and Global Development) program, to be abbreviated B.A.B., at its Glendale Campus.

The Board also recommends that:

- the consent holder be required to begin providing the program within 24 months from the date of the commencement of the consent;
- the consent holder advise the Minister in writing of the date of the commencement of the program not later than six months prior to its actual commencement; and
- the ending of the consent period be five years from the date of the program commencement.

Yours truly,



Dale Patterson,
Chair

cc Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board
William Forward, Acting Deputy Minister, MTCU
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