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Our Ref. 95328

Mr. Bob Kuhn, J.D.
President
Trinity Western University
7600 Glover Rd
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Dear Mr. Kuhn:

Thank you for your letter of congratulations on my appointment as Minister of Advanced Education, and the overview you provided of Trinity Western University (TWU). I appreciate your kind invitation to visit TWU's campus.

I enjoyed meeting with you on July 4, 2013, to discuss our mutual interest in the importance of post-secondary education. I welcome this exciting opportunity to work with post-secondary educators, administrators and students. Our post-secondary system is vital to ensuring that British Columbians acquire the skills, experience and qualifications for the jobs of the future.

I would like to acknowledge TWU's long history of offering quality programming in British Columbia's post-secondary system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amrik Virk". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "A" and a checkmark-like stroke at the end.

Amrik Virk
Minister



Our Ref. 95785

October 11, 2013

Mr. Bob Kuhn, J.D.
President
Trinity Western University
7600 Glover Rd
Langley BC V2Y 1Y1
Dear Mr. Kuhn:

Thank you for your letter of September 25, 2013, sent to the Honourable Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education, regarding Trinity Western University's (TWU) proposed Juris Doctor law degree.

I acknowledge the additional information and concerns you have shared regarding TWU's proposed Juris Doctor law degree.

In British Columbia, all institutions wishing to offer new degree programs must undergo a rigorous quality assessment process and obtain the approval or consent of the Minister of Advanced Education. As part of the quality assessment process, the Ministry is committed to ensuring that all new degree programs meet consistent and high-quality criteria.

The TWU Law Degree proposal is currently undergoing the quality assessment process and is now under review by the Ministry. I appreciate that to date this has been a lengthy process for TWU and I want to assure you that Ministry staff continue to work diligently on completing the review of the proposed Juris Doctor law program. Once the Ministry has completed its review, the proposal will move forward to the Minister for decision.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience with the quality assessment process and to acknowledge TWU's long history of offering high quality degree programs in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Ian Rongve, Ph.D.
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Honourable Amrik Virk
Minister of Advanced Education

Ministry of
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FW: The Tenth Annual Christmas at the Chan Centre

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Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 12:54 PM
To: President
Subject: The Tenth Annual Christmas at the Chan Centre

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From: AVED ADM Sector Strategy and Quality Assurance AVED:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2013 1:25 PM
To: 'bkuhn@kuhnco.net'
Cc: Minister, AVED AVED:EX
Subject: Our Ref. 96057 - Re: TWU Law School

December 3, 2013
Our Ref. 96057

Mr. Robert G. Kuhn, J.D.
President (Interim)
Trinity Western University
E-mail Address: bkuhn@kuhnco.net

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

Thank you for your e-mail of November 10, 2013, sent to the Honourable Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education, regarding Trinity Western University's (TWU) proposed Juris Doctor degree. Your e-mail has been forwarded to me for response on the Minister's behalf.

As you know, all degrees at private institutions or public institutions from other jurisdictions that are not theological in nature require consent under the *Degree Authorization Act* (DAA).

A key part of the review of the TWU proposal to offer a Juris Doctor degree includes the outcome of the Federation of Law Societies' consideration as to whether it would be sufficient to enable graduates to be admitted to the bar and practice law. This work is pertinent as it speaks to whether graduates may be eligible to practice law after graduation and therefore relevant to a final decision as to whether to provide consent under the DAA.

Once the review has been completed, the proposal will move forward to the Minister for decision.

We anticipate a decision from the Federation of Law Societies within the next couple of weeks. Thank you for your continued patience with this process.

Sincerely,

Claire Avison
Assistant Deputy Minister
Sector Strategy and Quality Assurance Division
Ministry of Advanced Education

pc: Honourable Amrik Virk
Minister of Advanced Education

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From: Bob Kuhn [<mailto:bkuhn@kuhnco.net>]
Sent: Sunday, November 10, 2013 3:27 PM
To: Minister, AVED AVED:EX

Subject: Trinity Western University – Law School Proposal

Dear Minister Virk;

It was a pleasure to attend the dinner in Richmond on Thursday evening. I thoroughly enjoyed sharing the time we had together.

I appreciate your candor and expressed desire to see the matter of the TWU law school proposal dealt with in a timely fashion. As I understood your comments, your final decision is awaiting a conclusion by the Federation of Law Societies with respect to its approval.

While I fully appreciate your desire to maintain consistency with the Federation, both in approach and conclusion, I would respectfully request your decision in the very near future. As you know, our proposal has been outstanding for approximately 16 months, which required us to maintain a readiness to proceed immediately upon notice being given as to approval. This "state of readiness" has now become a prolonged status, restricting our ability to either proceed with the law school, or move in other directions. In order to maximize our potential to be successful in the startup phase, we would very much appreciate receipt of your approval in the very near term. I do not mean to be presumptuous, but it would be extremely beneficial, both to TWU and its supporting constituencies, to have a conclusion communicated to us by no later than November 21. On that date we are holding our Christmas in the City Gala at the Vancouver Hotel. In attendance will be several hundred of our major business and high net worth supporters. We've also invited a number of our local Liberal MLAs. This might be an ideal opportunity for you, or one of the other ministers (Fassbender, Coleman or Polak) local to the campus area, to make an announcement.

In any event, I understand that if you are not in a position to move forward with approval of the proposal within the next short while, you have agreed to do what you can to urge the Federation to proceed in an expedited manner so as to cause as little further delay as possible.

If any further discussion would be helpful, please feel free to contact me at any time on my cellular (604-07-4844).

Yours Respectfully,

Bob

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Our Ref. 96100

January 6, 2014

Mr. Robert Kuhn, Interim President
Trinity Western University
7600 Glover Rd
Langley BC V2Y 1Y1

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

I am pleased to give Trinity Western University (TWU) consent to provide, advertise and grant a Master of Arts in Educational Studies (Special Education) degree under section 3(1) of the *Degree Authorization Act* (DAA). Consent is given for a term of five years with the attached *Standard Terms and Conditions of Consent*, which applies to all institutions receiving consent.

The Exempt Status Criteria and Guidelines state that when an institution has been granted exempt status at a certain degree level, proposals submitted for new degree programs at or below that level may proceed directly to me for approval following the 30-day peer/public review period. If I have concerns with a proposal, I may choose to refer it to the Degree Quality Assessment Board for a review of program quality.

As TWU has exempt status up to and including the master's degree level and as I do not have concerns with the proposed degree, I am giving consent to this new degree program without review by the Degree Quality Assessment Board.

I wish you every success in launching this new degree program.

Sincerely,

Amrik Virk
Minister

Attachment

pc: Dr. Elsie Froment, Dean of Research
Trinity Western University

Degree Quality Assessment Board

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTERIAL CONSENT

Name of Institution: Trinity Western University

Consent for: Master of Arts in Educational Studies (Special Education)

The following standard terms and conditions are attached to the consent from the Minister of Advanced Education under section 4(3) of the *Degree Authorization Act*.

- 1) **Consent period:** The consent period will normally be five years.
- 2) **Scope of consent:** Consent will be specific to the activity, program (major and minor, if specified) and site described in the submitted application.

The consent holder must inform the minister before implementation of any material change in circumstance (i.e., ownership change, location change, material change in learning outcomes, the minimum qualifications of faculty), or of substantive changes (i.e., termination or suspension of programs that have consent), which may change the scope of consent.

- 3) **Consent not transferable:** A consent is not transferable.
- 4) **Notice for students and public:** The following must appear in the consent holder's current calendar, and in the student's enrolment contract:

This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Advanced Education effective (consent date) having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (for example, acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

- 5) **Advertising:** A consent holder must not use any term or phrase in advertising that refers to approval of the minister or the Government of British Columbia other than that the program is offered under the written consent of the minister.
- 6) **Program Implementation:** The consent holder must enroll students in the degree program within three years from the date of consent. If the degree program is not offered within the three-year time period, consent is automatically revoked.
- 7) **Reporting:** A consent holder must provide the following information to the minister when requested:
 - if accredited in another jurisdiction, proof of continuing legal and accreditation status, and any variation in status;
 - A report on the current academic standards for each degree program for which consent has been granted, including but not limited to:
 - number and percentage of teaching staff/faculty by level of education, professional designations and experience;
 - number of full time equivalent (FTE) degree students per full time equivalent (FTE) teaching staff/faculty;

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- ✓ the institution's annual report (including audited financial statement);
- ✓ the institution's most recent calendar;
- ✓ tuition and related fees for the degree programs for which consent has been granted;
- ✓ student full time equivalent (FTE) enrolment in programs by year, for which consent has been granted;
- ✓ number of degrees granted in the previous year for programs for which consent has been granted;
- ✓ student attrition and retention rates;
- ✓ job placement rates (both direct and indirect);
- ✓ employer satisfaction;
- ✓ student satisfaction;
- ✓ number and nature of transfer agreements entered into the previous year regarding programs for which consent has been granted; and
- ✓ other performance measures requested by the minister.

8) **Entitlement of consent holder to government funding:** Ministerial consent does not entitle the consent holder to funding from the government of British Columbia.

9) **Revocation and suspension of consent:**

A consent holder's failure to comply with any terms and conditions or any legislative obligation may lead the minister to amend, suspend or revoke consent. The Degree Quality Assessment Board may also recommend that the minister amend, suspend or revoke consent as a result of a comprehensive review which determined that the quality of the degree program had not been maintained.

10) **Financial security:** The consent holder must meet conditions established regarding the security of tuition fees. These are outlined in the Degree Authorization Regulations established pursuant to Section 9(1) of the *Degree Authorization Act*.

11) **Access to and security of student transcripts:** The consent holder must meet the requirements regarding the access to and security of student transcripts established under Section 4(4) of the *Degree Authorization Act*.

12) **Student contracts:** A consent holder must have an enrolment contract for students enrolling in degree programs. The student's obligation under the contract must not exceed a period of 12 consecutive months. The contract must include the following:

- ✓ the title of the program and name of degree;
- ✓ the start date and end date;
- ✓ policies on student withdrawal and refund of fees and charges; and
- ✓ the statement required under term and condition #4.

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13) **Awareness of policies affecting students:** A consent holder must have a calendar or other comparable publication available to students and the public setting forth the following:

- admissions requirements and procedures;
- programs and courses with indication of when they are offered;
- rules and regulations for student, faculty and employee conduct;
- degree completion requirements;
- method of course delivery;
- tuition and other fees;
- transfer arrangements currently in place. If the consent holder has no credit transfer arrangements in place, the consent holder must indicate that no such arrangements exist.

14) **Misrepresentation or malfeasance:** The minister may deny, suspend, or revoke consent, where the following has taken place, or was taking place, at any time during or after the consent process until such time as the minister is satisfied that the situation has been remedied:

- information provided for reviews was not truthful and complete; and/or,
- misrepresentations, falsehood, fraud, abuse, or charges pending against the institution or its staff members for violations of law had occurred, or was occurring.

I acknowledge that I understand the terms and conditions attached to consent, that all information provided in the application is true, and that I agree to comply with all representations made during the course of the application, and with the terms and conditions of consent.

Name of authorized representative

Position at the Institution

Signature

Date



Our Ref. 96383
File #: 60100-30/TWU/13/14TWU0024

March 11, 2014

Mr. Robert Kuhn, Interim President
Trinity Western University
7600 Glover Rd
Langley BC V2Y 1Y1

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

I am pleased to advise that I give consent to Trinity Western University (TWU) to provide, advertise and grant the following three degrees: Master of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, and Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy under section 3(1) of the *Degree Authorization Act* (DAA). Consent is for a term of five years with the attached *Standard Terms and Conditions of Consent* (for signature), which apply to all institutions receiving consent.

As TWU has exempt status to the master's degree level and I do not have any concerns about the proposed degrees, I am providing consent to these new degrees without review by the Degree Quality Assessment Board (the Board). As you may be aware, the Exempt Status Criteria and Guidelines provide that when an institution has been granted exempt status at a certain degree level, proposals submitted for new degree programs at or below that level proceed directly to me for approval following the 30-day peer review period unless I have concerns about a proposal and refer it to the Board.

As these programs are currently being offered under the DAA, I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Amrik Virk
Minister

Attachment

pc: Dr. Elsie Froment, Dean of Research
Trinity Western University

Degree Quality Assessment Board

Ministry of
Advanced Education

Office of the
Minister

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Parliament Buildings
Victoria

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTERIAL CONSENT

Name of Institution: Trinity Western University

Consent for: Master of Science in Nursing

The following standard terms and conditions are attached to the consent from the Minister of Advanced Education under section 4(3) of the *Degree Authorization Act*.

- 1) **Consent period:** The consent period will normally be five years.
- 2) **Scope of consent:** Consent will be specific to the activity, program (major and minor, if specified) and site described in the submitted application.

The consent holder must inform the minister before implementation of any material change in circumstance (i.e., ownership change, location change, material change in learning outcomes, the minimum qualifications of faculty), or of substantive changes (i.e., termination or suspension of programs that have consent), which may change the scope of consent.

- 3) **Consent not transferable:** Consent is not transferable.
- 4) **Notice for students and public:** The following must appear in the consent holder's current calendar, and in the student's enrolment contract:

This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Advanced Education effective (consent date) having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (for example, acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

- 5) **Advertising:** A consent holder must not use any term or phrase in advertising that refers to approval of the minister or the Government of British Columbia other than that the program is offered under the written consent of the minister.
- 6) **Program Implementation:** The consent holder must enroll students in the degree program within three years from the date of consent. If the degree program is not offered within the three-year time period, consent is automatically revoked.
- 7) **Reporting:** A consent holder must provide the following information to the minister when requested:
 - if accredited in another jurisdiction, proof of continuing legal and accreditation status, and any variation in status;
 - A report on the current academic standards for each degree program for which consent has been granted, including but not limited to:
 - number and percentage of teaching staff/faculty by level of education, professional designations and experience;

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- number of full time equivalent (FTE) degree students per full time equivalent (FTE) teaching staff/faculty;
 - the institution's annual report (including audited financial statement);
 - the institution's most recent calendar;
 - tuition and related fees for the degree programs for which consent has been granted;
 - student full time equivalent (FTE) enrolment in programs by year, for which consent has been granted;
 - number of degrees granted in the previous year for programs for which consent has been granted;
 - student attrition and retention rates;
 - job placement rates (both direct and indirect);
 - employer satisfaction;
 - student satisfaction;
 - number and nature of transfer agreements entered into the previous year regarding programs for which consent has been granted; and
 - other performance measures requested by the minister.
- 8) **Entitlement of consent holder to government funding:** Ministerial consent does not entitle the consent holder to funding from the government of British Columbia.
- 9) **Revocation and suspension of consent:**
A consent holder's failure to comply with any terms and conditions or any legislative obligation may lead the minister to amend, suspend or revoke consent. The Degree Quality Assessment Board may also recommend that the minister amend, suspend or revoke consent as a result of a comprehensive review which determined that the quality of the degree program had not been maintained.
- 10) **Financial security:** The consent holder must meet conditions established regarding the security of tuition fees. These are outlined in the Degree Authorization Regulations established pursuant to Section 9(1) of the *Degree Authorization Act*.
- 11) **Access to and security of student transcripts:** The consent holder must meet the requirements regarding the access to and security of student transcripts established under Section 4(4) of the *Degree Authorization Act*.
- 12) **Student contracts:** A consent holder must have an enrolment contract for students enrolling in degree programs. The student's obligation under the contract must not exceed a period of 12 consecutive months. The contract must include the following:
- the title of the program and name of degree;
 - the start date and end date;
 - policies on student withdrawal and refund of fees and charges; and
 - the statement required under term and condition #4.

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13) **Awareness of policies affecting students:** A consent holder must have a calendar or other comparable publication available to students and the public setting forth the following:

- admissions requirements and procedures;
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- rules and regulations for student, faculty and employee conduct;
- degree completion requirements;
- method of course delivery;
- tuition and other fees;
- transfer arrangements currently in place. If the consent holder has no credit transfer arrangements in place, the consent holder must indicate that no such arrangements exist.

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- information provided for reviews was not truthful and complete; and/or,
- misrepresentations, falsehood, fraud, abuse, or charges pending against the institution or its staff members for violations of law had occurred, or was occurring.

I acknowledge that I understand the terms and conditions attached to consent, that all information provided in the application is true, and that I agree to comply with all representations made during the course of the application, and with the terms and conditions of consent.

Name of authorized representative

Position at the Institution

Signature

Date

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTERIAL CONSENT

Name of Institution: Trinity Western University

Consent for: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

The following standard terms and conditions are attached to the consent from the Minister of Advanced Education under section 4(3) of the *Degree Authorization Act*.

- 3) **Consent period:** The consent period will normally be five years.
- 4) **Scope of consent:** Consent will be specific to the activity, program (major and minor, if specified) and site described in the submitted application.

The consent holder must inform the minister before implementation of any material change in circumstance (i.e., ownership change, location change, material change in learning outcomes, the minimum qualifications of faculty), or of substantive changes (i.e., termination or suspension of programs that have consent), which may change the scope of consent.

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- 8) **Notice for students and public:** The following must appear in the consent holder's current calendar, and in the student's enrolment contract:

This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Advanced Education effective (consent date) having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (for example, acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

- 9) **Advertising:** A consent holder must not use any term or phrase in advertising that refers to approval of the minister or the Government of British Columbia other than that the program is offered under the written consent of the minister.
- 10) **Program Implementation:** The consent holder must enroll students in the degree program within three years from the date of consent. If the degree program is not offered within the three-year time period, consent is automatically revoked.
- 15) **Reporting:** A consent holder must provide the following information to the minister when requested:
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 - A report on the current academic standards for each degree program for which consent has been granted, including but not limited to:
 - number and percentage of teaching staff/faculty by level of education, professional designations and experience;

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- number of full time equivalent (FTE) degree students per full time equivalent (FTE) teaching staff/faculty;
 - ✓ the institution's annual report (including audited financial statement);
 - ✓ the institution's most recent calendar;
 - ✓ tuition and related fees for the degree programs for which consent has been granted;
 - ✓ student full time equivalent (FTE) enrolment in programs by year, for which consent has been granted;
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 - ✓ employer satisfaction;
 - ✓ student satisfaction;
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 - ✓ other performance measures requested by the minister.
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- 17) **Revocation and suspension of consent:**
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- 18) **Financial security:** The consent holder must meet conditions established regarding the security of tuition fees. These are outlined in the Degree Authorization Regulations established pursuant to Section 9(1) of the *Degree Authorization Act*.
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 - ✓ the statement required under term and condition #4.

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- tuition and other fees;
- transfer arrangements currently in place. If the consent holder has no credit transfer arrangements in place, the consent holder must indicate that no such arrangements exist.

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- information provided for reviews was not truthful and complete; and/or,
- misrepresentations, falsehood, fraud, abuse, or charges pending against the institution or its staff members for violations of law had occurred, or was occurring.

I acknowledge that I understand the terms and conditions attached to consent, that all information provided in the application is true, and that I agree to comply with all representations made during the course of the application, and with the terms and conditions of consent.

Name of authorized representative

Position at the Institution

Signature

Date

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTERIAL CONSENT

Name of Institution: Trinity Western University

Consent for: Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy

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 - policies on student withdrawal and refund of fees and charges; and
 - the statement required under term and condition #4.

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 - rules and regulations for student, faculty and employee conduct;
 - degree completion requirements;
 - method of course delivery;
 - tuition and other fees;
 - transfer arrangements currently in place. If the consent holder has no credit transfer arrangements in place, the consent holder must indicate that no such arrangements exist.
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Name of authorized representative

Position at the Institution

Signature

Date



Our Ref. 96470
File #: 60100-30/TWU/13/14TWU0027

March 11, 2014

Mr. Robert Kuhn, Interim President
Trinity Western University
7600 Glover Rd
Langley BC V2Y 1Y1

Dear Mr. Kuhn:

I am pleased to advise that I give consent to Trinity Western University (TWU) to provide, advertise and grant a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership under section 3(1) of the *Degree Authorization Act* (DAA). Consent is given for five years with the attached *Standard Terms and Conditions of Consent* (for signature), which apply to all institutions receiving consent.

TWU has exempt status to the master's degree level and I do not have any concerns about the proposed degree. The Exempt Status Criteria and Guidelines provide that when an institution has been granted exempt status at a certain degree level, proposals submitted for new degree programs at or below that level proceed directly to me for approval following the 30-day peer review period.

As this program is currently being offered under the DAA, I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Amrik Virk
Minister

Attachment

pc: Dr. Elsie Froment, Dean of Research
Trinity Western University

Degree Quality Assessment Board

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTERIAL CONSENT

Name of Institution: Trinity Western University

Consent for: Bachelor of Arts in Leadership

The following standard terms and conditions are attached to the consent from the Minister of Advanced Education under section 4(3) of the *Degree Authorization Act*.

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- 2) **Scope of consent:** Consent will be specific to the activity, program (major and minor, if specified) and site described in the submitted application.

The consent holder must inform the minister before implementation of any material change in circumstance (i.e., ownership change, location change, material change in learning outcomes, the minimum qualifications of faculty), or of substantive changes (i.e., termination or suspension of programs that have consent), which may change the scope of consent.

- 3) **Consent not transferable:** A consent is not transferable.
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This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Advanced Education effective (consent date) having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (for example, acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

- 5) **Advertising:** A consent holder must not use any term or phrase in advertising that refers to approval of the minister or the Government of British Columbia other than that the program is offered under the written consent of the minister.
- 6) **Program Implementation:** The consent holder must enroll students in the degree program within three years from the date of consent. If the degree program is not offered within the three-year time period, consent is automatically revoked.
- 7) **Reporting:** A consent holder must provide the following information to the minister when requested:
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 - A report on the current academic standards for each degree program for which consent has been granted, including but not limited to:
 - number and percentage of teaching staff/faculty by level of education, professional designations and experience;

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- number of full time equivalent (FTE) degree students per full time equivalent (FTE) teaching staff/faculty;
 - the institution's annual report (including audited financial statement);
 - the institution's most recent calendar;
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 - employer satisfaction;
 - student satisfaction;
 - number and nature of transfer agreements entered into the previous year regarding programs for which consent has been granted; and
 - other performance measures requested by the minister.
- 8) **Entitlement of consent holder to government funding:** Ministerial consent does not entitle the consent holder to funding from the government of British Columbia.
- 9) **Revocation and suspension of consent:**
A consent holder's failure to comply with any terms and conditions or any legislative obligation may lead the minister to amend, suspend or revoke consent. The Degree Quality Assessment Board may also recommend that the minister amend, suspend or revoke consent as a result of a comprehensive review which determined that the quality of the degree program had not been maintained.
- 10) **Financial security:** The consent holder must meet conditions established regarding the security of tuition fees. These are outlined in the Degree Authorization Regulations established pursuant to Section 9(1) of the *Degree Authorization Act*.
- 11) **Access to and security of student transcripts:** The consent holder must meet the requirements regarding the access to and security of student transcripts established under Section 4(4) of the *Degree Authorization Act*.
- 12) **Student contracts:** A consent holder must have an enrolment contract for students enrolling in degree programs. The student's obligation under the contract must not exceed a period of 12 consecutive months. The contract must include the following:
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 - the start date and end date;
 - policies on student withdrawal and refund of fees and charges; and
 - the statement required under term and condition #4.

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13) **Awareness of policies affecting students:** A consent holder must have a calendar or other comparable publication available to students and the public setting forth the following:

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- information provided for reviews was not truthful and complete; and/or,
- misrepresentations, falsehood, fraud, abuse, or charges pending against the institution or its staff members for violations of law had occurred, or was occurring.

I acknowledge that I understand the terms and conditions attached to consent, that all information provided in the application is true, and that I agree to comply with all representations made during the course of the application, and with the terms and conditions of consent.

Name of authorized representative

Position at the Institution

Signature

Date

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From: Minister, AVED AVED:EX
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 4:00 PM
To: 'president@twu.ca'
Subject: Ltr to Robert Kuhn - Re: Juris Doctor Program at TWU
Attachments: Ltr to Robert Kuhn - July 11 2014.pdf

Attached is a signed letter from the Honourable Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education.

Office of the Honourable Amrik Virk
Minister of Advanced Education
Ph: (250) 356-0179



Our Ref: 97560

July 11, 2014

Mr. Robert Kuhn, President (Interim)
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Dear Mr. Kuhn:

I write further to my letters of December 17, 2013 and February 12, 2014 advising of my consent under the *Degree Authorization Act* to a Juris Doctor program at Trinity Western University ("TWU").

The consent included a number of terms and conditions. Included in both the original and revised Special Terms and Conditions of Ministerial Consent was the following requirement:

5) Reporting: The institution must provide a report to the Board on the status of faculty recruitment and regulatory body approval prior to launching the program.

This term is consistent with the published criteria for quality assessment under the *Degree Authorization Act* in the Degree Program Review Criteria and Guidelines. The criteria to be considered by the Board include evidence that relevant regulatory bodies will recognize the credential (see page 24). The Federation of Law Societies and the Law Society of BC are the relevant professional and regulatory bodies for the practice of law in BC.

I am aware that on June 10, 2014, a special resolution of the members of the Law Society of BC was passed directing the Benchers to declare that TWU is not an approved law faculty for the purpose of the bar admissions requirements in British Columbia. I understand that the special resolution is not binding on the Benchers, however it may nonetheless be adopted and implemented by the Benchers voluntarily. In addition, the *Legal Profession Act* also provides for a further process by which the resolution may become binding following a referendum.

I request that TWU ensure it fulfills its reporting requirement under the terms and conditions of consent in the event that the Benchers' initial decision to approve the law faculty is ultimately reversed.

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If TWU law school graduates are not eligible to practice law in British Columbia, that would constitute a substantive change to the program that may require further consideration of the consent granted under the *Degree Authorization Act*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amrik Virk".

Amrik Virk
Minister

pc: Degree Quality Assessment Board



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Mr. Robert G. Kuhn, President (Interim)
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Dear Mr. Kuhn:

The proposal submitted by Trinity Western University (TWU) for consent to offer and grant a Juris Doctor degree has now completed all stages in the degree quality assessment process established under the *Degree Authorization Act* (DAA).

The Degree Quality Assessment Board (the Board) reviewed the proposal at its meeting on June 10, 2013, and found that it met the degree program quality assessment criteria for private and out-of-province public institutions. The Board recommended several *Special Terms and Conditions of Consent* with which I agree.

As a result, I am pleased to advise that a five-year term of consent is given to TWU to provide, advertise and grant a Juris Doctor degree under section 3(1) of the DAA with the attached *Special Terms and Conditions of Consent* and *Standard Terms and Conditions of Consent* (attached for signature) which applies to all institutions receiving consent.

Please note that although the Ministry supports TWU's efforts to increase education in this area, the Province is unable to commit financial support to TWU for this project.

Sincerely,

Amrik Virk
Minister

Attachments

pc: Dr. Elsie Froment, Dean of Research
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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTERIAL CONSENT

Name of Institution: Trinity Western University

Consent for: Juris Doctor

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 - misrepresentations, falsehood, fraud, abuse, or charges pending against the institution or its staff members for violations of law had occurred, or was occurring.

I acknowledge that I understand the terms and conditions attached to consent, that all information provided in the application is true, and that I agree to comply with all representations made during the course of the application, and with the terms and conditions of consent.

Name of authorized representative

Position at the Institution

Signature

Date

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTERIAL CONSENT

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I acknowledge that I understand the terms and conditions attached to consent, that all information provided in the application is true, and that I agree to comply with all representations made during the course of the application, and with the terms and conditions of consent.

Name of authorized representative

Position at the Institution

Signature

Date



Our Ref. 95189
XRef: 91307

February 12, 2014

Mr. Robert G. Kuhn, President (Interim)
Trinity Western University
7600 Glover Rd
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Dear Mr. Kuhn:

Please find attached replacement *Special Terms and Conditions of Consent* with regards to Trinity Western University's consent under the *Degree Authorization Act* to offer and grant a Juris Doctor degree.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amrik Virk".

Amrik Virk
Minister

Attachment

pc: Dr. Elsie Froment, Dean of Research
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SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MINISTERIAL CONSENT

Name of Institution: Trinity Western University

Consent for: Jaris Doctor

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- 2) **Prior Commitments:** The institution must implement the agreed to conditions made in its response of May 17, 2013 to the expert panel's report.
- 3) **Faculty:** The institution must hire qualified faculty with the necessary qualifications for the degree being offered.
- 4) **Approval:** The institution will be able to admit students into the program based on approval received from the Federation of Law Societies of Canada in December 2013.
- 5) **Reporting:** The institution must provide a report to the Board on the status of faculty recruitment and regulatory body approval prior to launching the program.
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Name of authorized representative

Position at the Institution

Signature

Date



September 25, 2013

The Honourable Minister of Advanced Education
Box 9041
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Minister Virk:

Re: School of Law at Trinity Western University

This letter is further to our meeting in late June, 2013, and our subsequent correspondence.

As you know in June, 2012 Trinity Western University submitted an application for a Juris Doctor program (a law school) to the Ministry of Advanced Education. You advised us in June that the application had worked its way through all necessary review processes and indicated that a decision could be expected in the reasonably near future. We recognize that there has been an organized political campaign to oppose TWU's proposal and we know letters have now been written to you and a number of other MLAs. We have taken the liberty of writing this letter in order to provide some further information from the University side.

Trinity Western University has been a fully recognized university for 28 years under the oversight of the British Columbia Ministry of Advanced Education. It offers 42 undergraduate and 16 graduate programs, all of which have been approved by the Ministry. It has developed a long history of excellence in teaching, scholarship and research and regularly receives an A+ for quality of education in the annual Globe and Mail University Report Card. This puts Trinity Western at the very top of the list of Canadian advanced educational institutions. Reflective of that excellence, Trinity graduates are among the most sought after by employers in every field.

The law school proposal was developed over a five year period in consultation with many lawyers, judges and legal academics from across the country. It provides an innovative curriculum designed to build legal skills within the context of law as public service. The curriculum is designed to attract and train students for practicing in small firms outside of the major B.C. urban areas, where there is a greater need for additional lawyers. In keeping with the nature of TWU, a specialization will be offered in Charities and Social Justice Law. Students will be required to complete two practica which will include service at a pro bono legal clinic in partnership with a charitable organization such as Union Gospel Mission. It has been our hope that the proposal would simply be assessed on its merits and we are confident if that is the case that approval will follow.

Those opposing TWU have not focused on the merits of the proposal but rather on the religious character of the University. However, under our founding legislation, Trinity Western University is required to "provide university education...from a viewpoint that is Christian." As such, we have policies that are different than public universities. One of these policies is our Community Covenant, which sets out common expectations of staff, faculty and students. The Community Covenant has been developed by the community itself, through a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students. It is reviewed periodically to ensure that it corresponds with the values of the community. The most fundamental aspect of the Community Covenant is an affirmation of respect for every member of the community.

We are aware that those who oppose a law school at TWU make much of the fact that the Community Covenant includes one reference to marriage as being between a man and a woman. That definition of marriage reflects a traditional evangelical Christian understanding of marriage. In the Civil Marriage Act, passed in 2005, the federal government redefined marriage for civil purposes as being between two persons. However, both in that legislation and in the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada on marriage, it was affirmed that a religious institutions' definition of marriage for religious purposes would be respected. The Civil Marriage Act even includes a preamble which states, "it is not against the public interest to hold and publicly express diverse views on marriage."

Those who are urging that the Ministry of Advanced Education not approve the law school proposal are in essence asking that the government of B.C. discriminate against the University based on our religious beliefs about marriage. We find this deeply disturbing in a multicultural country like Canada that respects diversity. Not only is religious freedom protected in Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but equality on the basis of religion is also protected. These are core values in Canadian society. In the 2001 Supreme Court of Canada decision, *Trinity Western University v. British Columbia College of Teachers*, it was clearly determined that the University has the right to maintain a religiously-based community covenant in the context of a professional program.

As indicated, given the campaign that has been organized against the law school proposal, we thought it might be helpful to provide the above additional comments. I and others at TWU would be more than pleased to discuss this or provide you with further information. We look forward to constructive interaction with your office in relation to this very important matter.

Yours truly,



Robert G. Kuhn
President



Our Ref. 95785

October 11, 2013

Mr. Bob Kuhn, J.D.
President
Trinity Western University
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Dear Mr. Kuhn:

Thank you for your letter of September 25, 2013, sent to the Honourable Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education, regarding Trinity Western University's (TWU) proposed Juris Doctor law degree.

I acknowledge the additional information and concerns you have shared regarding TWU's proposed Juris Doctor law degree.

In British Columbia, all institutions wishing to offer new degree programs must undergo a rigorous quality assessment process and obtain the approval or consent of the Minister of Advanced Education. As part of the quality assessment process, the Ministry is committed to ensuring that all new degree programs meet consistent and high-quality criteria.

The TWU Law Degree proposal is currently undergoing the quality assessment process and is now under review by the Ministry. I appreciate that to date this has been a lengthy process for TWU and I want to assure you that Ministry staff continue to work diligently on completing the review of the proposed Juris Doctor law program. Once the Ministry has completed its review, the proposal will move forward to the Minister for decision.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience with the quality assessment process and to acknowledge TWU's long history of offering high quality degree programs in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Ian Rongve, Ph.D.
Assistant Deputy Minister

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