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Review of Governance Report underway

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica. Friday, March 19, 2021. —The University of the West Indies (The UWI) has noted the public expressions on the Report of the Chancellor's Commission on Governance, which have been widely ventilated particularly in the regional media through various editorials and articles.

In December 2018, Chancellor of The UWI, Robert Bermudez established the Commission on Governance to review the University's operations. Chaired by Sir Dennis Byron, former President of the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Commission—comprised of an independent and diverse group—engaged with internal and external stakeholders in the discharge of its mandate. The resultant report from the Commission completed in July 2020, contains several recommendations.

At a special meeting convened on January 20, 2021, the University Council considered the recommendations of The UWI Chancellor's Commission on Governance. The Council agreed to the establishment of a Committee to review said recommendations and to put forward to Council those for adoption and subsequent implementation. That Review Committee comprising members of Council has since been constituted, and will present its evaluations formally at the next sitting of the University Council, carded for April 30, 2021.

As the highest office-holder in The UWI, the Chancellor has traditionally been responsible for establishing this high level Commission, conventionally instituted in 10-year cycles. There have been two previous Chancellor's Commissions convened by former Chancellors, Sir Shridath Ramphal, and Sir George Alleyne, that reported in 1996 and 2006, respectively. Like its preceding reports, it is anticipated that the adopted recommendations of the 2020 Commission on Governance will help to improve the overall efficiency of the University.

The UWI remains committed to the process of detailed dialogue, engagement and institutional strengthening to better fulfil its mandate to the Region.

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From a university college of London in Jamaica with 33 medical students in 1948, The UWI is today an internationally respected, global university with near **50,000** students and **five campuses**: **Mona** in Jamaica, **St. Augustine** in Trinidad and Tobago, **Cave Hill** in Barbados, **Five Islands** in Antigua and Barbuda and its **Open Campus**, and **10 global centres** in partnership with universities in **North America, Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe**.

The UWI offers over **800** certificate, diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate degree options in **Culture, Creative and Performing Arts, Food and Agriculture, Engineering, Humanities and Education, Law, Medical Sciences, Science and Technology, Social Sciences, and Sport**. As the Caribbean's leading university, it possesses the largest pool of Caribbean intellect and expertise committed to confronting the critical issues of our region and wider world.

Ranked among the top universities in the world, by the most reputable ranking agency, **Times Higher Education**, The UWI is the only Caribbean-based university to make the prestigious lists. In 2020, it earned 'Triple 1st' rankings—topping the Caribbean; and in the top in the tables for **Latin America and the Caribbean**, and global **Golden Age** universities (between 50 and 80 years old). The UWI is also featured among the top universities on THE's **Impact Rankings** for its response to the world's biggest concerns, outlined in the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Good Health and Wellbeing; Gender Equality and Climate Action.

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