

This issue reports the decisions taken or ratified by the BGSR at its meeting of May 28, 2015, and soon thereafter as well as our tribute to former Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Studies), Professor Yvette Jackson.

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The Board has approved:

PROGRAMMES ;

:: AT THE MONA CAMPUS

MPhil/ PhD Applied Physics

- The *introduction* of the Master of Philosophy and the Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Physics with specializations in: (i) Climate Studies, (ii) Medical Physics, and (iii) Alternative Energy, with effect from June 2015.

MA Integrated Marketing Communication

- The *introduction* of the Master of Arts in Integrated Marketing Communication, with effect from September 2015.

DipG Loss, Grief and Trauma Management

- The *introduction* of the Postgraduate Diploma in Loss, Grief and Trauma Management, with effect from September 2015.

DipG/ MSc Biotechnology

- The *introduction* of the Postgraduate Diploma and Master of Science in Biotechnology, with effect from September 2015.

Fellowship in Critical Care Medicine

- The *introduction* of the Fellowship in Critical Care Medicine, with effect from July 2015.

Master in Business Administration (MBA)

- The *revision* of the Master in Business Administration (MBA) programme at the Mona School of Business Management, with effect from August 2016. The MSBM will no longer offer the Executive Master in Business Administration (EMBA) programme.

DipG/ MSc Forensic Science

- The *introduction* of the Postgraduate Diploma in Forensic Science with specializations in: (i) Forensic Biology, (ii) Forensic Toxicology and (iii) Crime Scene Investigation, with effect from September 2015.
- The *modification* of the Master of Science in Forensic Science with specializations in: (i) Forensic Biology, (ii) Forensic Chemistry, (iii) Forensic Toxicology and (iv) Forensic Pathology, with effect from September 2015.

:: AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS

MPhil/PhD Tropical Crop Protection

- The *introduction* of the Master of Philosophy in Tropical Crop Protection and the Doctor of Philosophy in Tropical Crop Protection, with effect from September 2015.

PhD Business Administration

- The *revision* of the Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration with specializations in: (i) Marketing and (ii) Human Resources Management, with effect from September 2015.

DipG/ MSc Biotechnology

- The *modification* to the credit requirement of the Postgraduate Diploma and Master of Science in Biotechnology, with effect from June 2015.

MSc Biomedical Physics

- The *introduction* of the Master of Science in Biomedical Physics with specializations in: (i) Medical Physics and (ii) Movement Science and Rehabilitation, with effect from September 2016.

:: AT THE CAVE HILL CAMPUS

DipG Public Sector Management

- The *introduction* of the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Sector Management, with effect from September 2015.

BGSR Says *Farewell*



Professor Yvette Jackson
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Graduate Studies
2012-2015

The hallmark of Professor Yvette Jackson's pro-vice-chancellorship was excellence. With a core mission to transform and enhance graduate culture at the UWI, PVC Jackson has helped to curate an environment of firm principle and compliance, ethics, quality, engagement and commitment.

Since PVC Jackson assumed office, the profusion of her accomplishments impacted the entire university spectrum, from student experience to the enhancement of academic quality both in teaching and learning but also in the realm of research; to the re-shaping of the administration of graduate programmes, ultimately to improve the rate of graduate throughput. We can thank PVC Jackson for the smooth handling of a public imbroglio at the UWI as well as the harmonization of several UWI-wide graduate programmes; the re-fashioning of the Policy for Online and Multimode Programmes; the implementation of a Supervisor Development Course; the revamping of an online Graduate Research Ethics course available through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Programme with the University of Miami and the emphasis being placed on the importance of cultivating soft skills in our graduate students through harnessing and strengthening existing campus efforts.

Raising the profile of the Graduate School was of paramount concern to PVC Jackson, and in this regard she achieved, among other accomplishments, the resumption of discussions on the GPA Policy for Graduate Students, which has recently been revised to be brought in alignment with internationally accepted standards. At her instigation, her office created a Graduate Programme Proposal repository which, at a glance can provide up-to-the minute information on all graduate programmes approved from 1996 to the present. Together with PVC Research, PVC Jackson has, *inter alia*, developed several new policies and revised the Regulations for Graduate Diplomas and Degrees and the University Regulations on Plagiarism (Graduate Diplomas and Degrees), demonstrating that teamwork and collaboration constitute the backbone of the UWI's graduate studies and research agenda.

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Leading by example, PVC Jackson continues to supervise research students in spite of an already busy schedule. Embodying the consummate graduate supervisor based on her commitment not only to information sharing but to knowledge sharing where learning is a two way street and either party is encouraged to learn from the other, she has set the pace for other supervisors to follow. Indeed, with the amalgamation of the initiatives that are in progress, it is believed that PVC Jackson's vision will be a reality.

It is, therefore, with profound appreciation that the Board for Graduate Studies & Research wishes to place on record our sincere gratitude for the role she played as Co-Chair of the Board and as Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Graduate Studies.