

BGSR *Decisions*

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This issue reports the decisions taken or ratified by the BGSR at its meeting of May 31, 2018, and thereafter and our tribute to former Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Studies and Research), Professor Dale Webber.

PROGRAMMES |

The Board approved:

:: AT THE MONA CAMPUS

DipG Adolescent Health and Advocacy*

- The introduction of the Postgraduate Diploma in Adolescent Health and Advocacy with effect from August 01, 2018.

DipG/ MA/ MPhil Linguistics

- The modification of the Postgraduate Diploma, Master of Arts and the Master of Philosophy in Linguistics with effect from August 01, 2018.

Master of Social Work

- The modification of the Master of Social Work, with effect from August 01, 2018.

MEd Education for Sustainable Development, Global Citizenship and Peace

- The introduction of the Master of Education in Education for Sustainable Development, Global Citizenship and Peace, with effect from August 01, 2018.

MSc Hospitality Management

- The modification of the Master of Science in Hospitality Management, with effect from August 01, 2018.

MSc Sports and Exercise Science – Physiotherapy

- The modification of the Master of Science in Sports and Exercise Science – Physiotherapy, with effect from August 01, 2018.

MSc Sports Medicine

- The modification of the Master of Science in Sports Medicine, with effect from August 01, 2018.

* Updated: September 05, 2018

:: AT THE OPEN CAMPUS

PGCert Leadership for Sustainable Development

- The introduction of The UWI/SUNY Postgraduate Certificate in Leadership for Sustainable Development, with effect from August 01, 2018.

:: AT THE ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS

Master of International Business

- The introduction of the Master of International Business, with effect from August 01, 2018.

MPhil/PhD Biotechnology

- The introduction of the Master of Philosophy and the Doctor of Philosophy in Biotechnology, with effect from August 01, 2018.

MPhil/PhD in Veterinary Pathology

- The introduction of the Master of Philosophy and the Doctor of Philosophy in Veterinary Pathology, with effect from August 01, 2018.

The Board noted:

DipG Sports Management

- The adoption of the proposal by the Mona Campus to deliver, as of August 01, 2018, The UWI/FIFA/CIES Postgraduate Diploma in Sports Management which is also offered at St. Augustine Campus.

MSc Biomedical Physics

- The proposal by the St. Augustine Campus to amend course offerings in the Master of Science in Biomedical Physics programme with effect from August 01, 2018.

POLICIES & REGULATIONS ;

The Board approved:

UWI Policy for the Establishment of Graduate Certificate Programmes

- The [Policy for the Establishment of Graduate Certificate Programmes](#), with immediate effect.

UWI Regulations for Graduate Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees (2018)

- The amendments to [The UWI Regulations for Graduate Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees](#) which introduced (i) the nomenclature of Director, Graduate Studies and Research (DGSR) replacing the references of Campus Coordinator, Graduate Studies and Research, (ii) the revisions to the Plagiarism Regulations, and (iii) the inclusion of the Graduate Certificate admission and programme requirements.

BGSR Says *Farewell*

A blaze with a desire to build on the hallmark of excellence established by his predecessors PVC Webber ushered in his era with an intent to accomplish everything that he set his hands to. In retrospect, the essence of PVC Webber's pro-vice-chancellorship was the standardization of the culture of excellence in graduate education and research. Methodically, he fostered an enabling environment for regional collaboration to address the developmental needs of our partnering Caribbean states, our students and staff.



Professor Dale Webber

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Graduate Studies & Research, 2015-2018

Beginning the first year of his term as the champion of Graduate Studies, by the second year, he was assigned the additional portfolio of Research, a move, which required him to muster all resources available to him. This translated into PVC Webber, having completed an initiative started by his predecessor to strengthen and upgrade the position of Campus Coordinator to Director for Graduate Studies and Research, pushing, with the support of the Directors, both portfolios forcefully as well as equally.

The results speak for themselves:

- The launch of The UWI Scholar (UWI's version of Google Scholar) which, to date, has 4,590 profiles of UWI researchers;
- The re-vitalisation of the Research Ethics Committees, the re-configuration of the Intellectual Property and Commercialisation Committee and the constitution of a Research Advisory Committee to bridge the divide between gown and town, with a view to harnessing the expertise in research, development and entrepreneurship from members of society;
- The revival/resurgence of research clusters with alignment to the region's national development goals;
- The tightening and creation of regulations, administrative policies and practices to ensure a more efficient postgraduate student experience ^[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
- The improved standing of the School for Graduate Studies and Research in the national and international arena demonstrated by implementing the One UWI initiative at the Research Days on the campuses; the facilitation of researchers to present at conferences; the arrangement of exhibitions, seminars, discussion fora etc.

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Never timorous when confronted by technical, administrative or financial challenges, PVC Webber, draws on an innate gift to connect with people. He takes the trouble to learn and understand others, and to good effect, he uses his newly acquired insight to motivate and inspire individuals either to

grasp the “low hanging fruit” or to resolve the issues on their own initiative or to work collaboratively to forge a path in uncharted territory.

The imagery of a whirlwind that pulls everything in its path, not as a destructive but as a transformational force, describes the impact and fervour of Dale Webber. Now that we have been gripped by his energy and propelled toward achieving our goals, the foundation of excellence has been made secure.

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