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Industrial Action - Staff of The UWI Open Campus, Jamaica

The West Indies Group of University Teachers (Jamaica) has instructed its members in the Open Campus in Jamaica to take industrial action as a result of The University of The West Indies' breach of its contractual agreement with staff in relation to payment of salaries for the month of June 2023. This, as July 2023 salaries are imminent, and staff continue to bear the brunt of the non-payment of salaries.

Among the actions are cessation of support in the learning environments in which members work; cessation of systems support unless in emergency situations; cessation of support to course facilitators and students; and cessation of administrative duties and attendance at meetings.

In correspondence to the Principal of the Open Campus, Dr. Francis Severin, WIGUT (Jamaica) President, Professor Paul Brown, stated that The UWI could not be allowed to continue to breach the contractual rights of workers under the labour laws of Jamaica. As such, normalcy will not be restored until staff are paid.

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