



# Newsletter

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## WIGUT (Jamaica) AGM 2020

We finally were able to hold our Annual General Meeting on October 29, 2020. You will recall that the onset of COVID-19 led to a delay in meeting the April 30 deadline as required under our Constitution and the Executive voted to postpone the meeting to a later date. As conditions had not improved and government-mandated protocols remained in place, the Executive Committee agreed that the AGM would be held virtually, as the Constitution did not prevent this.

Vice President, Dr Patrick Anglin, agreed to investigate and determine the most suitable platform to use to conduct the meeting and recommended the Zoom conferencing platform. He developed guidelines outlining the procedures for voting and these were distributed to members before the meeting.

As we have seen since the pandemic, meetings are better attended; this meeting was no exception. Over 200 members attended and, while far longer than the usual 2 hours, the meeting was a productive one. The General Secretary and the President reported as well as the Treasurer and members raised questions and received responses. The President and General Secretary's reports were distributed before the meeting.

Dr Minott Kates presided over the election of officers in which Professor Paul Brown was returned as President, Drs Anna Perkins and Patrick Anglin were returned as Vice Presidents and Miss Charmaine McKenzie was returned as General Secretary. The slate of Officers of the Union was completed by Dr Adwoa Onuora and Miss Anthia Muirhead, Assistant General Secretaries; Mrs Shana Hastings-Edwards, Treasurer (volunteered and ratified by the Executive after the meeting), Miss Stascia Gordon, Assistant Treasurer (appointed during the meeting) and Mr Kurt Vaz, Grievance Officer. Dr Noel Morgan and Miss Hope Munroe did not stand for re-election as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. The President and General Secretary thanked Dr Morgan and Miss Munroe for their service to WIGUT over the years. The list of names of the entire Executive has been distributed by email and this newsletter includes photographs of some members of the new Executive.

The Management and Executive Committees seek your support as WIGUT (Jamaica) continues to work to protect the benefits and working conditions of its members during these difficult times.

**Upcoming Event - Virtual Paint & Sip**



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## Executive Management Team 2020/2021



Prof. Paul Brown  
**President**  
Basic Medical Sciences



Dr. Anna Perkins  
**Vice President**  
OBUS



Dr. Patrick Anglin  
**Vice President**  
Office of the University CIO



Ms. Charmaine McKenzie  
**General Secretary**  
Campus Office of Online  
Learning



Dr. Adwoa Onuora  
**Assistant General Secretary**  
IGDS



Ms. Anthia Muirhead  
**Assistant General Secretary**  
Office of the Campus Registrar



Mrs. Shana Hastings-Edwards  
**Treasurer**  
Office of Student Financing



Ms. Stascia Gordon  
**Assistant Treasurer**  
Bursary-Billings and  
Receivables

## Special Secretaries 2020/2021



Mr. Kurt Vaz  
**Grievance**  
Pathology



Mr. Dunstan Newman  
**Professional Development**  
Library



Mr. Kirk Mullings  
**Membership**  
MITS







Ms. Pauline Osbourne  
**Public Relations & Publications**  
Open Campus



Mrs. Marjorie Bolero-Haughton  
**Research**  
Marketing, Recruitment and  
Communications



Ms. Kay Brown  
**Pensions**  
Business Development Office

### **Section Representatives 2020/2021**



Ms. Olivene Thomas  
**Senior Administration**  
Soc., Psych., & Soc. Work



Ms. Althea Gordon  
**Senior Administration**  
Int'l Students' Office



Ms. Sandra Minott  
**Humanities**  
Language Linguistics and  
Philosophy



Ms. Heather Munro  
**Education**  
School of Education,  
Graduate Unit



Dr. Leighton Ellis  
**Faculty of Engineering**



Mrs. Audrey Ellis-Lettman  
**Estate Management**



Ms. Dian Bailey  
**Western Jamaica Campus**



Dr. Ramona Biholar  
**Faculty of Law**



Dr. Corrine SinQueen-Brown  
**School of Clinical Medicine**

***Congratulations to all members of the new executive team for the year 2020/2021.***



## Welcome to New Members

Mrs. Rosalene Simmonds	Faculty of Science & Technology
Dr. Lisa Tomlinson	Institute of Caribbean Studies
Mrs. Francesca Lloyd-McDavid	Faculty of Social Sciences
Mr. Stephan Anderson	Faculty of Engineering
Mrs. Peta-Gaye McEwan-Lewis	Faculty of Law
Miss Tracy-Ann Beckford	Language, Linguistics & Philosophy
Mr. Tajay Grant	Mona Academy of Sport (Faculty of Sport)
Mrs. Michelle Stewart-McKoy	Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL)
Mrs. Vergie Lee Reid Lawson	Library
Mr. Okechukwu Ezenne	Language, Linguistics & Philosophy
Mr. Carlyle Beharie	Estate Management Department

## Congratulation to ...



**Miss Tajae Bailey**  
**Joe Pereira Scholarship**  
**Recipient 2020/21**  
 Faculty of Social Sciences  
 B. Sc. International Relations

**Dr. Floyd Morris**  
 on his successful  
 election to the  
 United Nations  
 Committee on the  
 Rights of Persons  
 with Disabilities



## Promotions to Professor



**Mr. Charles Grant**  
 Professor of Applied  
 Nuclear Sciences



**Dr. Kathleen Monteith**  
 Professor of Caribbean  
 History



**Dr. Monika Parshad-Asnani**  
 Professor of Family Medicine  
 and Epidemiology



**Dr. Helen Trotman-Edwards**  
 Professor of Paediatrics  
 and Neonatology

## New WIGUT (Ja) Loans Agreement

Effective March 1, 2020

	Maximum amount/payable	Interest Rate
<b>Car Loans</b>	<b>\$3,000,000 for 5 years</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Consumption Loans</b>	<b>\$600,000 for 3 years</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Mortgage Loans</b>	<b>\$1,000,000 for 15 years</b>	<b>9%</b>

**NB: Relaxation on committee's approval for loans up to \$300,000**

Mortgage rates reduced from 12% to 9%. Applies only to mortgages in good standing

**Apply Now! [Loan Application Form](#)**



## UWI Blue Book and You!


### USE OF BOOK GRANT FOR PURCHASE OF BOOKS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL MATERIAL

Members of the Academic Staff, Senior Administrative Staff and professional Staff are eligible for a Grant for the purchase of books and other professional materials. This Grant allows for 100% reimbursement for books, and other professional material purchased.

- The Grant may also be applied to subscriptions to learned professional societies or organizations which carry the right to receive proceedings and/or journals at no additional cost and/or at reduced levels. Where such right is not carried, subscription for mere membership of a society or organization may not be reimbursed.
- The Grant is accumulative.
- Staff members going on retirement may use the balance of the grant credited to their account at the date of retirement within one year.
- Staff members on contracts of less than three years duration who assume duties during the first semester will receive the full amount of the grant, however staff members who assume duties during the second semester will receive 50% of the amount of the grant. Staff members on contracts of three years and longer will receive the full amount of the grant, regardless of their date of assumption during the academic year.

### Your FSSU & You

Members are being reminded to visit the Human Resource Management Division to complete documentation for FSSU, including adding the name of beneficiaries, if you have not already filled out this form.



Check your  
balances on Hartlink  
here

### Welfare Fund

WIGUT (Jamaica) has established a welfare fund to assist members and retirees in need. Funded by members' dues, the fund is not intended to provide long-term support. Applications are considered by a sub-committee and are treated confidentially. Interested persons may contact the WIGUT Office.

## Remembering...



Professor Ellis joined the staff of The University of the West Indies, Mona in 1982 as a Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1987, and then to the rank of Professor in 2011.

Professor Ellis provided leadership as Head of the Physical Chemistry Section for some 21 years. His distinguished record of original work in the area of liquid crystals, the thermal behaviour of soaps and in organic salts which are essential elements in the human diet, produced a number of publications in many



*Professor  
Henry Ellis*

international peer reviewed journals. He was a dedicated educator who supervised MSc and PhD candidates and taught within the chemistry programme across all four campuses of The UWI.

With an avid interest in sports, Professor Ellis served as the Deputy UWI representative on the Jamaica Cricket Board and was the first chairman of the Intercampus Games Committee at Mona. He actively participated in interdepartmental sporting activities and for many years captained the UWI Staff Cricket Team.



Source: Announcement, Mona Messaging Centre



## Support YOUR Union

Vacant positions on the Executive Committee:

Faculty/Section Representative

- Medical Sciences (Pre-clinical) Vacant
- Professional Staff Vacant
- Faculty of Law Vacant
- MITS Vacant
- Faculty of Sport Vacant
- Retirees Vacant

Also, volunteers to serve on committees:

- Public Relations & Publications
- Membership
- Pensions
- Professional Development

To serve, contact: wigut@uwimona.edu.jm

## Contribute to the WIGUT Bursary Fund

We extend this call for members to contribute to the scholarship and bursary fund that supports the needs of students. You may make a one-time commitment or you may choose to establish continuous support by filling out the [bursary fund salary deduction form](#) and submitting to the WIGUT Secretariat. These amounts will be deducted from your salary and deposited directly to the bursary fund. **Come... Help to support this worthy cause!**



## Discount Programmes

Arrangements are in place with the following companies to offer discounts on their products and/or services to members of WIGUT (Jamaica), once you produce your WIGUT ID card along with your University ID card:

- **Bolivar Bookshop** – 15% discount on books and 10% discount on other items.
- **Tropical Battery** – 7% discount on batteries and 5% discount on other products (available at all branches).
- **Lumber Depot** – between 3% and 7½% on selected items (contact the Manager on Duty to access the benefit).
- **Ian Randle Publishers** – 15% discount on selected items.
- **Photo Express** – 10% discount on selected items.
- **Dolphin Cove and Prospect Plantation** in the parish of St. Ann, offer a 10% discount on the dolphin and shark interaction programmes, as well as on admission.

### ***The following should be noted:***

- *WIGUT card number is to be given when making a direct reservation with their Reservations Department by calling 876974-5335.*
- *WIGUT card and UWI staff identification should be presented to the Front Desk upon arrival.*
- *A 10% discount is valid at their gift shops when the card is presented (not including the jewellery shop or items on sale).*
- *Please note that the discount is not valid on food and beverage or on reservations made via a tour company.*
- **Wilfred's Wheel Alignment Centre** – 10% discount on Alignment and Balancing
- **One Stop Furniture and Appliances** – 5%-10% discount on small appliances (iron, iPod, fan, bed linen), and 10%-15% discount on refrigerator, television set, component set, bedroom and living room sets. Delivery of large items, free of charge within the Kingston Metropolitan area.
- **Jakes Hotel, Villas and Spa**, Calabash Bay, St. Elizabeth - 10% discount on accommodation and Spa rates.
- **Shaw Park Beach Hotel & Spa/Attractions**  
**November 1st – December 18th, 2020**
  - *Open on weekends only – minimum 2 nights*
  - *Superior Single US\$79.00*
  - *Superior Double US\$99.00 (2nd person – FREE)*
  - *Superior Triple US\$154.00*

- 2 B/R Suite US\$440.00 (1-4 persons)
- Children under 4 years sharing room with 2 adults – FREE
- Children 4 – 12 years sharing room with 2 adults - US\$25.00 per child (max. 2 children)

**Rates are per room per night including Continental Breakfast, tax and service charge**

**December 18th – April 15, 2021**

- 10% discount applicable on presentation of a valid UWI Staff ID and WIGUT Membership Card
- Superior Single US\$142.00
- Superior Double US\$158.00
- Superior Triple US\$213.00
- 2 B/R Suite US\$490.00
- Children under 4 years sharing room with 2 adults – FREE
- Children 4 – 12 years sharing room with 2 adults - US\$25.00

**Rates are per room per night including Continental Breakfast, tax and service charge**

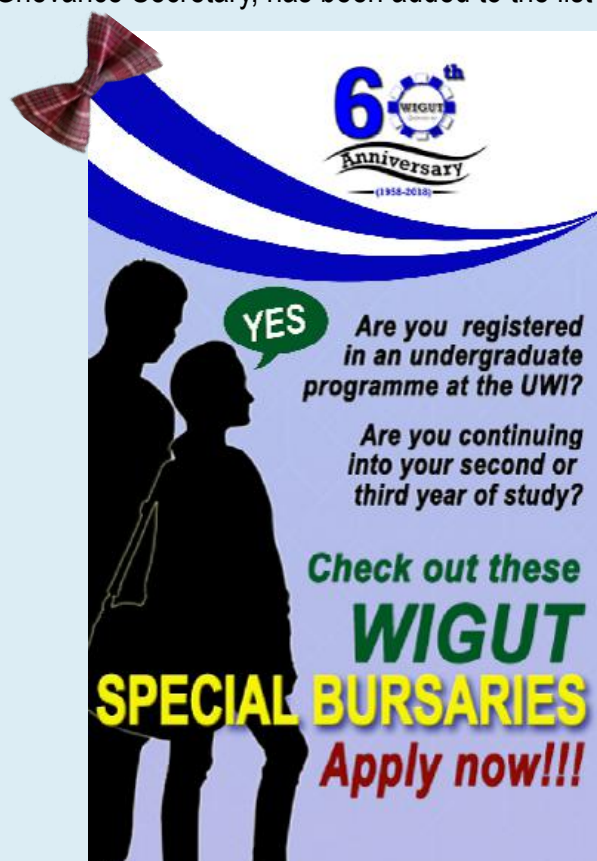
#### • Land and Boat Tours

- **Brimmer Hall Plantation Tour** – tractor drawn jitneys will transport you through the Plantation where the farmers provide an interesting commentary and demonstration of the workings of the property. You will be shown how numerous tropical crops are cultivated including bananas, pineapples, coconuts, cocoa, pimento, coffee and sugar cane. After this interesting tour of the plantation estate, you will be given a welcome drink and taken back to the Great House. Cost US\$25.00 per person, entrance fee and tour.
- **Reggae Baby Party Boat and Dunn's River** – US\$65.00 per person – 2 ½ hrs. – min. 10 pax. (persons)
- **Glass Bottom Boat** – US\$25.00 per person – approx. 1 hr. – min. 10

- **General Foods Supermarket** - 2% discount on all purchases

## WIGUT Special Bursaries

WIGUT (Jamaica) is pleased to inform the membership that a special bursary in honour of Mr. Clayton McEwan, past Grievance Secretary, has been added to the list of bursaries.



**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
(1958-2018)

**YES** Are you registered in an undergraduate programme at the UWI?

Are you continuing into your second or third year of study?

**Check out these WIGUT SPECIAL BURSARIES**

**Apply now!!!**

The following Special Bursaries are available for one year in the first instance:

#### Faculty of Medical Sciences:

- A.B. Rao - Medical Sciences
- E.V. Ellington - Medical (Pre-Clinical)
- Syringa Marshall-Burnett - Nursing
- Milton Pinnock - Community Health & Psychiatry

#### Faculty of Science & Technology:

- Bill Bartley - Chemistry
- Lloyd Coke - Botany
- Leighton Henry - Mathematics and/or Computer Science

#### Faculty of Social Sciences:

- Carl Stone - Government
- Derek Gordon - Sociology
- George Beckford - Economics

#### Faculty of Humanities & Education:

- Gloria Greene - Library and Information Studies
- Jaquie Roberts - Library and Information Studies
- Samuel Bandara - History/Archaeology
- Peter Whitely - Science Education

Apply through the Office of Student Financing who administers these bursaries on behalf of WIGUT (Jamaica).

Contact: Office of Student Financing,  
Tel: 876-702-4646 | Fax: 876-702-4647  
Email: [stufinc@uwimona.edu.jm](mailto:stufinc@uwimona.edu.jm)

<https://www.mona.uwi.edu/osf/sites/default/files/osf/wigut-special-bursaries-2020.pdf>

## Memorabilia for Sale



### Polo - Shirts

Male and Female  
Sizes: Small, Medium,  
Large, 1XL, 2XL, 3XL

**\$1,385**



### Umbrellas

**\$1,775**

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