





REVISED REGULATIONS FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES GRAB your copy

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## INSPIRATIONAL CORNER



We hosted our URD2019 Signature Event titled: "Academic Research and Funding the Enterprise: A Look at Key Strategies for Success". One of the key presenters was Prof. Daniel Coore, Chair of the Mona Entrepreneurial Committee, established recently. Through our outreach thrust, we were pleased to facilitate the attendance of four (4) hearing impaired persons with the support of a sign language presenter, Mr. Weatherbourne (*in picture below*), who was recommended by Dr. Floyd Morris of the Office of Special Student Services. Their participation added a rich discussion on the topic, as they had specific questions regarding the diagram below.



Diagram above: Prof. Coore presented a Model for Intellectual Property (IP) Commercialisation





Dear Graduate Student,

2019 is getting quite old, but I trust you are already experienc-

ing a happy and exciting new year. For us in the OCR-Office of Graduate Studies and Research, it has been a busy and productive few months so far. Over the period, we participated in the 20th Anniversary of University Research Days where we show-

cased the Postgraduate Wall of Research Excellence; we obtained approval from the Board for Graduate Studies and Research to introduce five (5) new market-driven postgraduate certificate, diploma and Degree programmes; we had current and past postgraduate students participate in the Institutional re-Accreditation exercise for The UWI; and we are in the process of admitting new students to join the Graduate School in the 2019/20 academic year. In addition, through our team engagement activities, we have been building a team of caring, compassionate, motivated and professional staff to serve you better.

Over the next few months, some of you will be sitting your final examinations or submitting your research paper/project report or Thesis with the hope of joining the 2019 graduating class. We want to assure you of our unstinting support as we will continue to work with our various partners in academic departments and other parts of administration to facilitate and meet your needs.

In the next few pages, I will provide you with highlights from amendments/changes to the Regulations for Graduate Diplomas and Degrees which will be available on our website. I will also give snippets on examination matters and a retrospective pictorial glimpse into aspects of the 2019 University **Research Days activities**.

Now, relax, take 5 minutes and let's get started with this issue of **GRAB**, your copy.

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## REVISED REGULATIONS FOR GRADUATE DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES



The Graduate Regulations has been revised and renamed *"Regulations for Graduate Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees 2018"*, which is recognizing the inclusion of Post-graduate Certificates in the suite *of* programme offerings at The UWI.

An <u>Outline of Revisions</u> document will be available on the postgraduate website, but some changes have been highlighted in the next few pages of this GRAB.

The new Regulations (2018) are available on our website at *www.mona.uwi.edu/postgrad* in the "*Documents Library*" folder. There are no print versions of this revised Handbook available at this time, but you may obtain a print version of the 2014 Regulations and use the <u>Outline of Revisions</u> document as a supplement.



Assistant Registrar, OGSR, presented on the above-mentioned topic to some final year students during Research Days 2019

## **Eligibility for Distinction**

"Candidates who repeat the examination in any one course shall not be eligible for the award of diploma or degree with distinction"

See Regulation 2.6

See also Regulations 1.73-1.74

### **POSTGRADUATE PASS MARK**

The minimum pass mark is 50% 'B' grade

See Regulation 1.7

# OUTREACH Graduate Students' Special Envoy (GSSE)



Graduate Students' Special Envoy (GSSE) member, Kimberley McKenzie provided excellent support to OGSR Team member, Beatrice Brown at the Graduate Studies booth during University Research Days 2019. Other Graduate Envoys who served during URD2019 were: Rhaheem Layne-Yarde, Kimberley Foster, Francina Cousins and Diane Allen -West. We thank our GSSEs as they all enriched the execution of our outreach activities by providing voluntary service.



Picture above: Patrons viewing the Posters on the Postgraduate Wall of Excellence at URD2019



# NEW/REVISED REGULATIONS 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

#### Regulation 1.11

A candidate registered in a Taught Masters programme at a university other than The UWI who wishes to transfer to the UWI to complete the degree, will be required to complete at least 50% of the coursework and the research project at the UWI. Candidates for professional doctoral programmes will be required to complete at least 50% of the Coursework and the entire research at the UWI.

### Regulation 1.75

The award of an MPhil/PhD shall be conferred with high commendation where the Examiners are unanimous in their recommendation that such an award should be made (see Reg. 3.25)... *High commendation will not normally be awarded to candidates who have exceeded the time limits for registration*.

#### Regulation 2.2

Candidates are required to pass either the coursework or the written examinations and coursework.

#### Regulation 3.25(b)

Examiners of theses are required to report to the BGSR, through the Campus Registrar, within two months of the date of delivery of a thesis. The report shall contain: (b)...To be awarded a degree with high commendation, at least one of the Examiners' reports must make that recommendation at the point of examination, and the Examiners must be unanimous in the recommendation at the Oral Examination.

#### Regulation 3.34— Appointment of Examiners

Where an Additional Internal or External Examiner has been engaged, this Additional Examiner will continue to be engaged until the end of the examination process.

#### NOTE:

The relevant clauses in the Regulations have been changed to reflect the inclusion of a new programme type:

"Graduate Certificates"



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## **EXAMINATION MATTERS**

If you have registered for a course, ensure that you complete the required coursework and/or examination for that course as "Any student who, having registered for a course fails to take the examination shall be deemed to have failed the examination ... "

#### See Regulation 2.46

- Check and verify your registration at least 5 days before your exam-٠ ination to ensure that you have selected the correct course(s) so that you can obtain clearance when entering the Exam Centre.
- Please take your ID card to the Examination Centre at all times.
- Pay attention to the requirements for payment of tuition fees in semester 2, especially if you are a finalizing student who will be sitting examinations

## CONGRATULATIONS TO **NEW PRINCIPAL OF THE UWI, MONA CAMPUS**



## **REVISED DEFINITION OF PLAGIARISM** (Regulations on Graduate Plagiarism 2018)

In these Regulations, "plagiarism" means the unacknowledged use of the words, ideas or creations of another and includes situations where the student reuses without acknowledgment their own previously written text, ideas or creations when writing any new work.

"Level 1 plagiarism" Level 1 plagiarism occurs where small quantities of the work are affected and/or the breaches are minor. It includes cases of cosmetic or poor paraphrasing, negligent referencing or incorrect or missing citations.

"Level 2 plagiarism" Level 2 plagiarism occurs where large quantities of the work are affected and/or the breaches are serious. It includes cases in which a significant amount of material is borrowed or directly quoted or cosmetically paraphrased with no attribution at all, or attribution insufficient to indicate that the borrowed material is not the work of the student.

Professor Dale Webber, OD, is a distinguished researcher in Coastal Ecology and Environmental Management with over 30 years of service to The UWI. As an academic, he has supervised 21 MSc, 27 MPhil and 15 PhD students to successful completion across a range of interests.

We would like to recognize Professor Webber for his distinguished service in the capacity of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Studies and Research) and Chairman of the Board for Graduate Studies and Research, between August 1, 2015 and July 31, 2018. Among other things, Professor Webber has enabled the introduction of scores of new Masters and Doctoral programmes; strongly supported the introduction of the Graduate Students' Special Envoy (GSSE) Outreach programme; and demonstrated strong compassion for graduate students during his 3 years at the helm of the Graduate School across the Regional University.

He is married to UWI Marine Ecologist, Professor Mona Webber and they have two daughters.

Please join us in congratulating our outstanding Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dale Webber on his elevation to the position of Campus Principal and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Mona Campus of The University of the West Indies.





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