With Governments’ contributions to the University of the West Indies remaining virtually static, Academic Year 2015–16 presented the institution with as many funding challenges as it did in the previous year. To meet them, the Mona Campus sought financing from a wide variety of sources. It developed and, in some instances, strengthened relationships with universities overseas, NGOs, as well as local and foreign private sector partners to address infrastructural enhancement and expansion, academic programme development, and financial support for students.

Among its many accomplishments during the year, the Campus boasts strengthened academic programmes, increased student residential accommodation, and its own water facility that will finally put an end to the unreliable supply from the National Water Commission.

I am pleased to have served as chairman of the Mona Campus Council over the period. Professor Archibald McDonald’s visionary leadership has not only advanced the University’s competitiveness in the global tertiary education landscape, but has also maintained the institution’s financial viability in the face of overwhelming challenges. I congratulate him and his management team for charting the way towards sustainability of the UWI, Mona Campus in these difficult times.

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