

FACULTY OF LAW

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– *Dean’s Overview* –

FINANCIAL

The Faculty continued to offer seminars aimed at continuing Legal Professional Development. The target groups have been persons in the legal profession who require annual credits to fulfil the requirements of the General Legal Council (GLC), Government Official and other decision makers as we try to influence policies through research. These initiatives have been accredited by GLC and are well received by the professional community. For these seminars, the Faculty charges an administrative fee for processing certificates and facilitating the application to the Council for persons who are seeking credits from attending the session.

Members of the Faculty are encouraged to utilize OURVLE for sharing course material as we work towards reducing the cost of printing resources and also make resources more readily available to our registered students. We have also experimented with recording lectures and making them available via OURVLE or TWEN. TWEN is a storage space, similar to OURVLE, which is available to students as a feature of the WESTLAW database.

Rental of the facility for scholarly activities has continued with funds from this initiative being channeled to an account earmarked for building maintenance. These activities are monitored closely to ensure that the Faculty is in keeping with what is permitted by the Campus. For the

2015/2016 academic year approximately \$470,000 was realized from this initiative.

There has been a thrust to improve the number of students enrolled in the undergraduate and graduate programmes in the Faculty. This has included offers being made earlier and marketing of programmes through recruitment drives and with booths at conferences. The Faculty enrolled its first set of postgraduate students in the MPhil/PhD and LLM programmes this academic year. The UWI LLM had one student registered at Mona but doing courses being delivered at the Cave Hill and St Augustine Campuses via distance mode with the use of “My eLearning” and “Zoom” technologies. As the programme progresses it is expected that students at our sister campuses will also benefit from courses being taught at Mona in the Graduate Programme. There was a marginal increase (7%) in the registration numbers for the LLB programme for 2015/2016. Efforts to boost the numbers, especially at the Western Campus, will continue for 2016/2017.

The Mona Law Institutes Unit (MLIU) under the leadership of Dr Christopher Malcolm has been actively seeking grants from various institutions for research projects being proposed by the Unit. The Unit was created in January 2015 in an attempt to create a platform to enhance research in the Faculty, foster collaborations with external agencies and individuals in providing consultancy and other income generating services. MLIU has submitted an application to host the 9th Annual Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE) Conference in 2017. If successful, this major conference is expected to bring a high level of publicity to the Faculty, Campus and University.

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

A small subsection of staff and students participated in a Spanish Language Training Programme organized by the Latin American--Caribbean Centre (LACC) of the Vice-Chancellor. Approximately 3 members of the administrative staff, 2 members of the academic staff and 25 students participated in the programme.

During the 2015/2016 the Faculty continued to subscribe to online Law Library Databases to ensure that staff and students have access to the necessary resources for research and other types of scholarly activities. This includes access to recorded lectures, course materials and cases regardless of the persons' physical location.

Weekly and Bi-weekly progress meetings are held with individual members of the administrative staff by the Senior Administrative Assistant II to review tasks, streamline processes and set performance objectives. Notes of these meetings are used in conducting performance appraisals.

TEACHING, LEARNING AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

The Faculty received approval to deliver the LLM/Diploma in Intellectual Property in Creative and Cultural Industries with effect from September 2016. This programme implements activities contemplated by the 2009 Framework Agreement of Co-operation between UWI and the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO). The initial discussions for this LLM/Diploma started in 2012 at the directive of the then Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce, Hon. Anthony Hylton, and is seen as a strategically important partnership initiative, as well as, an academically sound addition to UWT's curriculum of graduate studies in law.

The Faculty underwent a quality assurance review to identify its strengths and weaknesses having operated as a full-faculty for 4 academic years. The exercise was a very enlightening and rewarding initiative. The recommendations of the Review Team have been reviewed by the Faculty and are being used to influence the Faculty's operations and strategic plan.

The Faculty continued its efforts to identify and provide additional assistance for "At-Risk" students. These included peer counselling, additional tutoring with session of a 3:1 ratio to allow for greater individual attention, workshops etc. The overall structure of some courses in the LLB programme was adjusted to allow smaller class sizes and greater interaction.

The student association, Mona Law Society, under the mentorship of the

Deputy Dean for Undergraduate Studies had more educational activities for students throughout the year. This included inviting guest lecturers from various echelons of the legal profession, maintaining a peer mentorship programme and incorporating the law students at the Western Jamaica Campus in more activities at Mona.

During 2015/2016, the Faculty provided support for five (5) Mooting Teams to participate in the following international competitions:

1. The Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition Team: Ms Sheri-Gae Jones, Ms Francesca Tavares, Mr Ja'wayne Jarrett.
2. The Frankfurt International Investment Arbitration Competition Team: Ms Hanielle Hines, Ms Chala Suzie, Mr Antwaine Cotterell, Ms Shaniel May.
3. The Phillip Jessup International Law Moot Court Team: Mr Victor Brown, Mr Scott Mullings, Ms Keisha Ann Thompson, Ms Christine Brooks.
4. The International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition Team: Ms Camilla Parris-Campbell, Ms Christal Parris-Campbell, Mr Wayne Robertson
5. The Price Media Law Moot Court Team: Yakum Fitz-Henley, Ms Peta Gay Facey, Mr Matthew Royal.

The mooting programme was coordinated by Professor Stephen Vasciannie with the support of coaches: Mr Maurice Smith, Mrs Caprice McFarlane-Morrison, Mr Jermaine Case, Ms Celia Middleton, and Mr Andre Coore.

The Faculty was well represented in each competition and the seventeen (17) students who participated, received invaluable exposure by virtue of their involvement.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

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- **Vasciannie, S.** (2016). *Arguments and Facts: Caribbean Public Law, Governance, Economy and Society*.
- **Vasciannie, S.** (2015). “The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights: Reform and the Question of Universality”, in *The ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law*, Vol. 21, No. 2, Spring 2015.
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OUTREACH

During the period the Faculty, through the Mona Law Institutes Unit and the office of the Deputy Dean for Graduate Studies and External Affairs, hosted numerous initiatives aimed at contributing to national and regional development including work in under-served communities. Some of these initiatives are summarized below.

- On October 9, 2015, the Faculty hosted an Open Public Forum on the “The Caribbean Court of Justice as Jamaica’s Final Court of Appeal-From Debate to Implementation: Where now and in what direction should we go?”. The speakers were Senator A. J. Nicholson, QC, then Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade; Mr. Delroy Chuck, then MP of St Andrew North Eastern and then Opposition Spokesperson on Justice; Professor Stephen Vasciannie and Senator Mark Golding, then Minister of Justice. This event also engaged a panel of discussants which included Lord Anthony Gifford, QC of Gifford Thompson & Bright; Mr. Donovan C. Walker, then President

of The Jamaican Bar Association; Ms. Carol Aina, Principal, Norman Manley Law School; Ms. Michelle A. Brown, Commissioner, The Jamaican Anti-Dumping and Subsidies Commission; and Jamaica Fair Trading Commission and Mr. Matthew Royal, President of the Mona Law Society.

- In an effort to address more issues affecting the persons in our underserved communities, the Faculty organized a public lecture to address some of the issues faced by persons with disabilities under the theme “From Charity to Human Rights: The Development of Disability Rights Under International Law”. Guest Speaker was Professor Arlene S. Kanter, Bond, Shoeneck & King Distinguished Professor of Law at the Syracuse University College of Law, New York. The event was held on October 22, 2015 in the Faculty.
- A guest lecture on “Medical Law, Ethics and Public Legal Education – A Symbiotic Relationship” was held on November 23, 2015 and was followed by a 2-day Street Law Clinical Workshop to train the trainers. This included UWI members of staff, governmental and non-governmental partners. The lecture and workshop were conducted by Professor David McQuoid-Mason, Founder of Street Law South Africa, President of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association and Professor of Law at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at the University of KwaZuluNatal in South Africa.
- Further to this introduction to the Street Law programme, the Faculty through the Mona Law Institutes Unit, collaborated with Street Law South Africa and launched the Street Law Caribbean programme on June 6, 2016 at Mona Law.
- The Street Law programme is geared towards equipping the average citizen with sufficient information about their rights, in a way that is easily understood.
- The Faculty in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade hosted a public lecture entitled “World Trade Organisation (WTO) – Looking Ahead of 2016” on January 18, 2016. The guest speaker was H. E. Ambassador Roberto Azevêdo, Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

- On May 19 and 20, 2016 approximately 20 representatives from 11 Offices of Ombudspersons and related institutions in the Caribbean region (Barbados, Belize, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St. Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago) and Costa Rica met in Kingston, Jamaica at the Faculty of Law, UWI, Mona to discuss issues of citizen security and human rights, with a focus on the inter-American human rights system.
- The seminar was organised by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), which was represented by its President, Commissioner James Cavallaro, and Second Vice President, Commissioner Margaret May Macaulay, and the Faculty of Law UWI, Mona. It was funded by the European Union to the tune of \$20,000 Euros.
- On June 3–5, 2016, the Faculty hosted its 2nd Annual Symposium on Law, Governance and Society at Half Moon Resort Montego Bay. The focus of presentations and discussions was “Safeguarding Ethics, Justice and Ideas”. The conference had local, regional and international speakers and was well supported by government officials, judges, attorneys of financial institutions and private practice, UWI staff from the Department of Government and Office of Graduate Studies and Research, among other delegates. The event was accredited by the General Legal Council.