SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Professor Zellynne Jennings-Craig - Director

n August 1, 2012 the School of Education began to function as a restructured organization under the Director of the School. Dr Rose Davies, former Head of the Institute of Education and Professor Beverley Bryan, former Head of the Department of Educational Studies must be commended for the part which they played in making this restructuring possible. Embarked on a new journey, much of the year was spent putting into effect the new structures created to facilitate the smooth



functioning of the School. These included the Coordinators of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies, Research and Teaching (R&T) Clusters, the Research Unit, and the Education Systems and Professional Development Unit, as well as the administrative units, namely; Finance, Facilities and Procurement; Administrative and ICT Support Services, and Programme Administration and Customer Service.

The Figure below represents the framework used by the R&T clusters for its Cluster Retreat held in May. The School of Education held its annual retreat from May 30 – June 1, under the theme 'Working Together, Shaping our Future', at which time it reviewed its performance and achievements of its operational plan for the academic year. A key recommendation from the Retreat was the need for the School to adopt a strategic repositioning on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in its programme.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

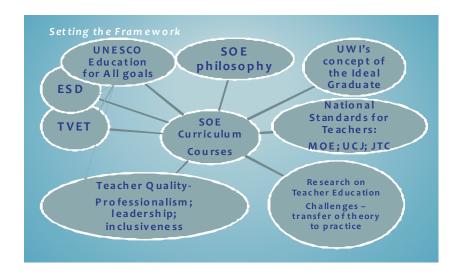
During the academic year, the development of the new programme - Masters of Arts in Higher Educational Administration - was completed and work continued on the Masters of Arts in Principalship and Central Leadership, the Bachelor of Science School Bursarship and Administration, and Masters of Arts in Education Planning and Policy. Much progress was made on the revision of the B.Ed. in Early Childhood Education and the revision of the B.Ed. 90 credit degree.

The Joint Board of Teacher Education completed the Media literacy project with the Broadcasting Commission in which material for grades 3-9 were developed to help students critically respond to the media. The next phase is expected to see radio stations operating in 5 high schools. This year also saw the successful completion of the project with eLearning in which 15 Teachers' College lecturers completed a Master in Educational technology with the University of British Columbia. The last cohort graduated in May 2012. Phase two of the Project with eLearning began with the development of teacher and student instructional materials for the CSEC syllabus in 5 areas: Geography, Integrated Science, Physics, Social Studies, Spanish. In phase 1 materials for Biology, Chemistry and English were developed.

Five customized short courses were offered in the summer of 2012.

At the Faculty Award Ceremony held on November 10, the Madge Hall Prize for the most outstanding academic performance in the 90 credit programme (level 1) was shared by Ann-Marie Human and Norman Malcolm. Andre Burke won the School of Education Prize for the most outstanding performance in level 11. The Professor Aubrey Phillips Prize for the most outstanding academic performance in the final year was awarded to Marilyn White. The Professor John Figueroa prize for the most outstanding academic performance in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education was awarded to Sean Smith-Thelwell and Lucene Harris.

As part of the work of the Science, Mathematics and Information Technology (SMIT) Centre



the Problem-Solving Competition was held on March 29. Campion College won the Grade 9 mathematics competition; Mount Alvernia won the Grade 10 Information Technology and the Grade 11 IT was won by Meadowbrook High. Some prizes awarded were courtesy of Digicel Foundation.

The Graduate Research Seminar and Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 2 at the Mona Visitors' Lodge. Norlette Leslie, Rohan McCalla and Kerrian Mathie-Grant presented their studies which all related to the theme 'Psychological factors impacting education'. Alia Franklyn and Euphemia Robinson presented on their studies which related to the theme 'Aspects of Teaching and Learning in English and Science'. Presentations on their doctoral theses were made by Stephanie Nelson-McFarlane and Camella Buddo.

Professor Beverley Bryan presented her inaugural lecture on May 3, 2012.

As part of its attempt to forge closer relationships with the schools that accommodate our students on Practice Teaching and Internships, the School hosted a luncheon on September 30, 2011 and a Breakfast meeting with principals of schools on May 24, 2012 at the Knutsford Court Hotel. Dr Dian McCallum gave an overview of the Professional Development Seminars for Teacher Mentors (held from October 6 – November 3) and

two Teacher Mentors, Mrs. Audrey Fairweather from the Louise Bennett Coverley All Age and Miss Nikeisha Smith from Dunoon Park Technical High School shared their experiences.

The Change from Within project hosted a group of students from the Sankofa Freedom Academy from January 13-18. A Change from Within Self-Development Workshop was also held with participating schools on June 6, 2012 at the Knutsford Court Hotel. Mrs. Pauletta Chevannes, the Manager of the Project, chaired the workshop and presentations were made by Reverend Joseph Brown of the Change from Within Circle of Friends. Ms. Sophia Morgan, lecturer in Organizational and School Psychology made a presentation on Self Development.

Bachelor of Education Awards: 211-2012

First Class Honours	Second	Pass	
	Upper	Lower	
21	33	35	5

MEd Students expected to graduate in November 2012

Curriculum Development	15
Educational Administration	22
Educational Measurement	25
Educational Psychology	3
Language Education	11
Literacy Studies	13
Mathematics Education	4
Primary Education	1
Science Education	4
Master of Arts – Teacher Education and Teacher Development	18
TOTAL	116

The Master of Arts in Teacher

	2011 – 2012					
		MAT part 2				
Options – Track 1	Total	P/T	F/T	Returning Students		
English Language	20	12	4	4	5	
Mathematics	17	12	3	2	2	
Science	26	17	4	5		
IT	6	6				
History	16	10	6			
Social Studies/Geography	11	7	3	1	1	
Modern Foreign language	11	3	4	4		
TOTAL	107	67	24	16		
Track	3				1	

Strengthening National Engagement

The School organized a Stakeholders' Consultation at the Mona Visitors' Lodge on October 28 to discuss the content of the UWI/UNESCO Caribbean Conference on Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET). The event was attended by 20 stakeholders including representatives from the Ministry of Education, HEART Trust and UTECH. Mr Robert Parua, Education Programme Specialist, brought greetings from UNESCO.

The School hosted the Forum on Education on November 22 in the Faculty of Law Theatre 1. The theme was 'Education Transformation-Determining the Gains and Refocusing on the Challenges'. Ms Jean Hastings, Director of the Education Systems Transformation Programme at the Ministry of Education, gave the main address followed by a Panel Discussion which included Mr. Ronald Thwaites, Opposition Spokesperson on Education, Mrs. Sharon Reid, President of JASSP, and Mr. Ruel Reid, Principal of Jamaica College.

On December 16, 2011, the School of Education hosted a meeting with Dr. Doeford Shirley, Director of the National College of Educational Leadership. Presentations to inform Dr. Shirley of the work of the School in leadership training were made by Dr. Disraeli Hutton, Mrs. Joan Spencer-Ernandez and Mrs. Pauletta Chevannes.

Dr. Deon Edwards-Kerr has played a key role in activities within the School in relation to the Youth Crime Watch of Jamaica (YCWJ). An aspect of the work of YCWJ is the GNAT High Achievers' supplemental classes in Mathematics and English which were held in the School of Education. Dr. Paula Daley-Morris also conducted a seminar with these children on *Children keeping themselves safe in Cyberspace*.

International Outreach and Collaboration

The UWI/UNESCO Caribbean Conference on TVET was successfully implemented by the SOE during March 7-9 at the Hilton Rose Hall Resort & Spa in Montego Bay. Approximately 40 papers and four workshops were delivered and some 250 persons (from 20 countries) attended the conference. The Caribbean Development Bank and UNESCO funded the participants from the Caribbean. A product of the conference was the **Montego Bay declaration on TVET** in the Caribbean which was delivered at the International TVET Congress held in Shanghai, China in May 2012 by Dr. Halden Morris.

As part of its collaboration with the University of Reading, during the period February 12 – March 28, 2012, Dr. Geoff Tennant, Senior Lecturer from the University of Reading, participated in a six-week study visit to the UWI during which time he was attached to the Science Maths and Information Technology (SMIT) Centre. Dr. Tennant held workshops in Mathematics for teachers in the Montego Bay area as well as workshops with mathematics educators at Shortwood Teachers' College, and the University of Technology.

The inaugural Soccer Camp for the Hendrix Women's Soccer team from Conway, Arkansas in the United States of America began on March 19, 2012. The camp was geared towards facilitating the development of women's football in Jamaica. This is an extension of the School's involvement with Youth Crime Watch of Jamaica.

The School of Education, Mona, in collaboration with the Early Childhood Commission and Joint Board of Teacher Education Foundation, hosted a two-day professional development workshop on April 26 and 27, entitled *INSIGHTS into Children's Temperament* for early childhood lecturers of teachers colleges and officers of the Early Childhood Commission and the Ministry of Education. Attended by approximately forty (40) participants, the workshop addressed issues on student disruptive behaviors in the early primary grades, a concern which marks the beginning of a pathway that, for many children, leads progressively to more serious behavioural and academic problems. The presenters and creators of the INSIGHTS programme were Drs. Sandee McLowry and Mark Spellmann from New York University.

Dr. Christine Fox, Secretary-General of the World Conference of Comparative Education Societies and a former Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Education at the University of Wollongong, Australia, presented a seminar entitled *Comparative Education*, *Post colonialism*, *and new voices on gender issues* on Monday, April 30.

Outstanding Appointments

Dr. Moses Peart, on the recommendation of the Minister of Education, has been appointed as Chairman of HEART Trust/NTA. On a request by the Archbishop of Kingston and subsequent approval by the Minister of Education, Dr. Peart has also been appointed as Chairman of St. Joseph's Teachers' College.

PUBLICATIONS UNIT

The Publications Unit produced two general issues of the *Caribbean Journal of Education:* Vol. 32, No. 2 and Vol. 33, No. 1. The unit also took over the publication of the *Journal of Education and Development in the Caribbean*, of which Vol. 12, No. 1 was published. This was a special issue, presenting selected papers from the Annual ACHEA conferences.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- Collins-Figueroa, M. (2011). "Implementing whole college approaches to environment and sustainability in a teachers' college in Jamaica." Meeting of the Global Universities Partnerships for Environment and Sustainability (GUPES) for University Leaders, Universidad Andrés Bello, Santiago, Chile, September, 5-6, 2011. 12 pages.
- Collins-Figueroa, M. (2011). "Environment and Sustainability at The University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica."
 PowerPoint (21 slides) and poster presentation at the launch of the Global Universities Partnerships for Environment and Sustainability, Tongji University, Shanghai, China, June 5-6, 2012.
- Cook, L. D. & Terry Jordan (2011). The reliability and validity of a modified Teacher locus of control instrument. The Association for the Advancement of Educational Research Conference, West Palm Beach, Florida (November 3-5, 2011)
- Cook, L. D. & Peter Yee Han Joong (2011). Secondary Reform From the Perspectives of Teachers and Students in Six Countries. SIG-International Studies; Symposium (with Peter Yee Han Joong, University of the West Indies, Thomas Gerald Ryan, Nipissing University, Ming- Dih Lin, National Chung Cheng University & Kathryn A. Noel, University of Western Ontario): American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference/Annual General Meeting (April 8-12, 2011)
- Davies, R. (2011). "Teacher Training in the Early Childhood Sector: Current Status and the Way Forward" Early Childhood Commission Retreat, Jamaica Grande Hotel, Ocho Rios, September 23-24, 2011
- Davies, R. (2012). "Teacher Education: Rethinking and Retooling for the Next Fifty Years" Shortwood Teachers College Research Day Panel Discussion, commemorating the Jamaica 50 celebrations April 27, 2012

- Davies, R. (2012). "Issues and challenges in implementing the new Jamaican Early Childhood Curriculum for birth to five year olds" Shortwood Teachers College "Early Childhood Parliament" Symposium, May 10, 2012
- Davis-Morrison, V. (2012). "Education for Active Citizenry: Learning from Life History" Shortwood Teachers' College, Annual Research Day Conference: Fifty Years of Teacher Education in Jamaica, Educating for a Sustainable Future. Shortwood Teachers' College. April 26, 2012 (pg.9)
- Davis-Morrison, V. (2012). Round Table Discussion, Reflections; Health and Family Life Education. CARICOM Health and Family Life Education (HFLE) Workshop/Seminar on Teacher Training and School Health: Barbados, Blue Horizon Hotel. June 5-8, 2012 (sponsored by World Bank and Education Development Center (EDC))
- Down, L. (2011) 'The Challenges of Reorienting Teacher Education for Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development,' Experts Meeting on Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development and Adaptation in Small Island Development States, September 21-23, 2011, Nassau, Commonwealth of The Bahamas
- **Griffith, S. A.** (2012). TVET as an Area of Study for Poor Performing Students: Myth or Reality? International Conference on TVET, Hilton Rose Hall Resort & Spa, Montego Bay, Jamaica, March 7-9, 2012, pp. 39.
- Joong, Y.P., & Hutton, D. M (2012). "Understanding Education Reforms: Comparing the perceptions of secondary school teachers and students in Jamaica.". April 13-17, 2012, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- **Hutton, D. M.** (2012). "Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the Caribbean: Pitfalls, Successes and

- Challenges." UWI/UNESCO Caribbean Conference on TVET, March 7-9, 2012, Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica
- Jennings, Z, Anderson, S. (2012). Impact of the provision of school lunch on attendance in Jamaican primary schools. American Educational Research Association Conference, Vancouver April 12-18, 2012.
- Joong, Y.P. & Hutton, D. (2012). "Understanding Education Reforms: Comparing the Perceptions of Secondary Teachers and Students in Jamaica". Annual meeting for American Educational Research Association (AERA), Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- Joong, Y.P., Pan, W-H W.; Smikle, J. & Darkhor, P.H. (2012). "Action Research on Environmental Education in Canada, China, Taiwan, and Jamaica." Annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Studies in Education (CSSE), Waterloo, ON, Canada.
- Joong, Y.P. Thomas, S., Hutton, D., & Lin, M-D. (2012). "Leadership for Reforms in Canada, Jamaica, China and Taiwan." Annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Studies in Education (CSSE), Waterloo, ON, Canada.
- Joong, Y.P. (2012). "Teachers' and Students' Perceptions of Secondary Reform and Implementation: Quebec and Ontario Comparison." Annual meeting of the Canadian Society for Studies in Education (CSSE), Waterloo, ON, Canada.
- Joong, Y.P. (2012). "Action Research on Environmental Education in Canada, China, Taiwan, and Jamaica." Annual meeting of the Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID), Waterloo, ON, Canada.
- Joong, Y.P. & Rainford, Y. (2012). "From Slave Drivers in the Field to Slave Drivers in the Classrooms: The Role of Equal Educational Opportunity in Jamaica's Teacher Training in English Language and Mathematics." Annual research conference, Shortwood Teachers' College, Kingston, Jamaica.

- Joong, Y.P. Hutton, D.M. & Scott, R. (2012) "Comparison of the Implementation of Technical and Vocational Schools in Canada, China, Taiwan and Jamaica." Caribbean Conference on TVET, Montego Bay, Jamaica
- Joong, Y.P. (2011). Perceptions of Students and Teachers on Secondary Mathematics Reforms in Canada, China, Sierra Leone and Jamaica. Feature Speaker, Mathematics Symposium, Jamaica Teachers Association, May 2, 2011.
- Morris, H. A. (2011). "Learning Management Systems for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)" EduVision 2011 Conference, Jamaica Conference Center, December 1-2, 2011.
- Morris, H. A. (2012). "Strategies for Enhancing Relationships of TVET Institutions with Industry", UWI/UNESCO Caribbean Conference on TVET, Hilton Rose Hall Resort and Spa, Montego Bay, Jamaica. March 7-9, 2012.
- Morris, H. A. (2012). "Economic Transformation & Job Creation: The Role of Tertiary Institutions" Commonwealth Secretariat & the University of the West Indies Symposium, May 30 June 1, 2012.
- Morris, H. A. (2012). Issues with Technology, University of Technology, Jamaica, February 17, 2012.
- Morris, H. A. (2012). Interaction with Industrial Organizations, University of Technology, Jamaica March 23, 2012.

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Book

* Lunt, P., Buckle Scott, L., **Davis-Morrison, V.** & Louis, A. (2012). <u>Social Studies for CSEC: A Caribbean Examinations Council Study Guide</u>, Nelson Thornes Ltd.

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- * Cook, L.D. "The impact of teachers' locus of control on students' perception of teachers within selected urban schools in Jamaica", in Teacher Education. Comparative International Issues in Curriculum and Pedagogy. ed. by B. Boufoy-Bastick). Strasbourg: Analytrics, 2011. (pp. 563-590)

 (http://www.analytrics.org/Pages/default.aspx)
- * Joong, Y.P. & Noel, K. (2012) "The Perceptions of Teachers in Sierra Leone's Secondary Education Reform". Chapter in Robert A. DeVillar & Binbin Jiang (eds.). <u>Transforming Education: Global Issues, Experiences and Perspectives.</u>
- * Joong, Y. P. & Ryan, T. (2011) "Teachers' and Students' Perceptions of Secondary Reform and Implementation: China and Canada Comparison". Chapter in Ali Abdi & Yvonne Hébert (eds.). Comparative and International Education: A Diversity of Voices. Sense Publishers.
- * Morris, Halden A., "Chapter 7: Tertiary Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) In the Caribbean: A call for Engagement" in <u>Higher Education in the Caribbean: Research, Challenges & Prospects</u>, edited by Austin Ezenne, Information Age publishing Inc. USA, 2011, 195-230.

Refereed Journal Articles

- * Anderson, S. R. (2012) "Psycho-Educational processes as Strategies for Students Presenting with Emotional and Behavioural Disorders". *American International Journal of Contemporary Research* Vol. 2 No. 7:.(July 2012): 25-36.
- * **Down, L.** (2012). 'Beginning Teachers as Change Agents for Sustainable Societies.' *Caribbean Journal of Education*, vol. 33, no. 1, April 2011
- * Down, L. (2011) 'Education for Sustainable Development Latest Buzzword or a Paradigmatic Shift in Education'.

- Caribbean Journal of Education for Sustainable Development, (Online) vol 1, no.1, pp8-16.
- * Griffith, S. A. (2011). The Impact of Smaller and Larger Online Group Conferences on Student Achievement. International Journal of Instructional Technology and Distance Education, 8 (5), 67-80.
- * Hutton D. M (2011). Profile of the High Performing Principals: Some Revelations of the Jamaican School System. *Journal of the University College of the Cayman Islands (JUCCI)*, Vol.5, 48-74
- * Jennings, Z. (2012) Resource and Technology: A beacon for change in the reform of Jamaica's education system-or a 'pipedream'? *International Review of Education* Vol. 58 No.2, 2012
- * Joong, Y. P. (2012). Perceptions of Parents, Teachers, and Students on Secondary Education Reforms in China. *Peabody Journal of Education, Special Issue, Winter 2012, Vol 87, Issue 2*, 267-282.
- * Ryan, T.G. & **Joong, Y.P**. (2012, In Press). Revisiting Ontario Teachers' and Students' Perceptions of Large-Scale Reform. *International Journal of Educational Reform*.

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- * **Down, L**. (2012) 'A Community-Centred Approach to Education for Sustainable Development.' International Association of Universities (IAU), *Horizons Magazine*, Vol.18, no.2.
- * Down, L. (2012). 'Higher Education and Sustainability in the Caribbean region.' Higher Education in the World 4, Higher Education Commitment to Sustainability: from Understanding to Action, GUNI Series on the Social Commitment of Universities 4

- * Down, L. (2012) 'How Climate Change Education is Influencing Pedagogy for Teacher Education' in UNESCO Innovemos, Education Innovations Network for Latin America and the Caribbean http://www.redinnovemos.org/content/view/14/197/lang.en/
- * Down, L., Collins-Figueroa, M., Hordatt-Gentles, C., (2011). UNESCO Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Project Report, pp. 1-8.
- * Down, L. (2011) Case Study 'Literature and Education for Sustainable Development' in Daniella Tillbury ed. 'Education for Sustainable Development: An Expert Review of Processes and Learning' UNESCO http://www.unesco.org/en/education-for-sustainable-development/monitoring-evaluation-process/
- * Spencer-Ernandez, J., Edwards-Kerr, D. & Faulkner, D. (2012). Review of Early Childhood Education with Special Emphasis on Special Education. The Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development, the Commonwealth of Dominica and the Caribbean Development Bank. (February 2012) pp 94.
- * Spencer-Ernandez, J. & Edwards-Kerr, D. (2011). Review of Primary and Secondary Schools' Organisation and Instructional Practice in Curriculum Delivery- Montserrat. The Ministry of Education, Montserrat, the Caribbean Development Bank. (December 2011) pp135

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* Hordatt Gentles, C., Down, L., Collins-Figueroa, M., & Newman, M. (2011). "Changing Concepts of Professionalism among Beginning Teachers in Jamaica". Proceedings of the World Assembly 2011, International Council on Education for Teaching Conference, Glasgow, Scotland (25 pages)

INCOME GENERATION

UWI/UNESCO Conference on TVET and Human Capacity Development in the Caribbean, March 7-9, 2012 – Approximately J\$1,000,000.00

PUBLIC SERVICE

Dr. Susan Anderson

- Member, WERA group (a subgroup of the AERA)
- Board member for Journal of Technology and Inclusive Education (IJTIE)
- Coordinator and group member for project: Dealing with violence and aggression in the classroom: model for Papine High School
- Coordinator, Summer camp for at-risk youth Papine High School students
- Member, Board of management, the Sir John Golding Institute
- Member, Jamaica Association for Special Educators

Ms. Vilma Charlton

- Third Vice President, Jamaica Athletics Administrative Association
- Executive Member, The Jamaica Physical Education Association
- UNESCO representative, Caribbean and Central American Region Physical Education and Sport Committee (CIJEPS)

Dr. Marceline Collins-Figueroa

- Member, Steering committee, Global Universities Partnerships for Environment and Sustainability (GUPES).
- Member, Steering committee, Mainstreaming Environment and Sustainability in Caribbean Universities (MESCA)

Dr. Rose Davies

- Caribbean Region Coordinator, World Forum Foundation on Early Childhood Care and Development
- Member, Board of Directors, Child Development Agency (CDA)
- Commissioner of the Board, Early Childhood Commission,
 Jamaica & Chair, Training and Development Sub-Committee
- Member, Board of Directors, CHASE FUND & Chair, ECE Sub committee
- Chairman, Joint Board of Teacher Education, UWI, Co-Chair of the MOE/JBTE B.Ed Degree Transition Committee

Dr. Lorna Down

- SOE representative, International Network associated with the UNESCO Chair on Reorienting Education to Address Sustainability
- Lecturer/Facilitator, UNESCO Pilot Climate Change Education for Sustainable Development Course
- Judge, JCDC Literary Arts Competition
- Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Teacher Education and Training, Institute of Sustainable Education, Daugavpils University, Latvia
- Member, Editorial Board, Southern Africa Journal of Environmental Education, Ethics and Action

Dr. Carol Hordatt Gentles

- Member, University Council of Jamaica
- Chair, AC&D Sub Committee BEd. Education Undergraduate Advisory Committee: University of Technology, Jamaica. Faculty of Education and Liberal Studies
- Member, Board of Directors, International Council on Education for Teaching (ICET)

Prof. Stafford Griffith

- Member, National Council on Education, since October 31, 2011
- Chairman, Technical Advisory Committee, the Caribbean Examinations Council for the January and May/June sittings of examinations CAPE, CSEC and CCSLC
- Chairman, National Examinations Appeal Committee appointed by the Minister of Education, Jamaica
- Chairman (and Commissioner), Operations and Development Committee, Oversees Examinations Commission

Prof. Zellynne Jennings-Craig

- Member, Senior Policy Making Group, MOE
- Chair, UCJ Board for Teacher Education
- Council Member, United Nations University
- Chair, Academic Quality Assurance Committee, University of the West Indies, Mona
- Peer Reviewer for journals International Journal of Educational Development and Development in Practice

Dr. Y. P. Joong

 Assisting Missionaries of the Poor (MOP) with Accreditation of its Associate Degree program at University Council of Jamaica (UJC)

Dr. Halden Morris

- Commissioner, Overseas Examinations Commission
- Chair, Procurement Committee
- Chief Examiner for CXC CAPE Electrical & Electronics Technology
- External Examiner for Community Colleges of Jamaica (Electrical Technology Subjects)

- Chief External Examiner UTech School of Technical & Vocational Education
- Member of team for Jamaica's TVET Policy Development
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
 Professional Activities Chair Area 9, Jamaica)

Dr. Mairette Newman

- Chairperson, National Committee for the Selection of Master Teachers
- Member, Caribbean Examinations Council (CXC) National Committee.