

UCC/LCA in Advanced Talks With Government of a Caricom State to Jointly Establish New Law School in the Region

The University College of the Caribbean (UCC)/Law College of the Americas (LCA) is partnering with the Government of a CARICOM state to establish a new School of Law through a public private partnership (PPP). A formal MOU is expected to be signed at a press conference in Jamaica by early 2017.

The initiative has already been approved by the relevant Caribbean legal authorities. The new institution will be the fourth law school in the region, and will also be located at UCC's headquarters in

Kingston as a delegated authority.

The CARICOM state has welcomed the joint venture partnership, noting that the UCC/Law College of the Americas (LCA) School of Law will widen access to a captive market where demand for space in law schools across the region is approximately 15 to one. The roll out of the facility over the next year will provide the opportunity for regional developers to also participate in the Build Own Operate and Transfer (BOOT) project. Besides,

the local private sector has an opportunity to invest in all stages of the value chain which will provide job opportunities for the labour force.

Dr Winston Adams, Group Executive Chairman of the UCC Group of companies, described the joint venture as a "landmark undertaking that will chart a new course for Caribbean cooperation between a sovereign state and an indigenous higher educational institution to bring added benefits to Jamaica and other English-speaking

Caribbean territories". He also said that he "expected the partnership to pay dividends in the quality of regional education and support for industry whether in minerals, shipping or environmental protection". Dr. Velma Brown, President of the Law College of the Americas, LCA has said also that the planned UCC/LCA School of Law will position itself as a catalyst for the new economy for the Region and developing countries.

The UCC which already operates a law faculty in conjunction with the

prestigious University of London (UOL) since 2005 and more recently the Law College of the Americas (LCA) in Jamaica, will bring its significant school plant infrastructure along with its degree-granting status to the joint venture. Graduates of the Bachelor of Law (LLB) programmes at the UCC/ LCA Law Faculty, as well as graduates from other law faculties across the Caribbean, will be given priority admission to the planned two-year programme at the UCC/ LCA Law School effective September 2017.

Professor Dennis Gayle Appointed as Executive Chancellor; Professor Kenneth Hall, Former Governor General of Jamaica, Appointed as Special Advisor to the Board



Professor Dennis J. Gayle assumed the post of Executive Chancellor at the University College of the Caribbean and Chairman of the UCC Foundation US Inc. in August 2016 following a similar role at the American University in Dubai during 2012-2016, where he was responsible for the University's administrative, financial, academic and research activities. He has also recently been appointed Interim President of the UCC. Professor Gayle, who was previously President of the

American InterContinental University in London, has extensive experience in university leadership and management, having served at six major accredited universities in the US, UK and the Caribbean.

A citizen of both Jamaica and the USA, he is highly regarded for his expertise in strategic management, international business, international marketing. international economics, university governance, and regional accreditation, having published many related and cited peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, and several books. Professor Gayle's university leadership experience includes successful strategic cost reduction and revenue enhancement in the USA, the UK, and the UAE. His professional background includes work as a banker, and as a senior Jamaican diplomat in several world capitals and at the United Nations during the

1970s, and after the year 2000, as a very active international strategic and project management consultant.

Professor Gayle earned a Ph.D. in International Political Economy at the University of California, Los Angeles (1982). He is a Fellow of the American Council on Education, and a graduate of Harvard University's Institute of Educational Management in 2002, who has supervised over 30 completed Ph.D.



Professor Kenneth Hall, first Chancellor of the UCC, was appointed as special advisor to the Group Executive Chairman & the Board of Directors.

UCC Seeks International Institutional Accreditation From UK Accreditation Body



Officials from the Accreditation Service for International Colleges & Universities (ASIC), based in the United Kingdom, met in October with the Executive Team at UCC to review the institution's readiness for international Institutional accreditation. The UCC is also registered & recognised by the local Accreditation Body, the UCJ. Its FIU master's degree programs are also all accredited by the prestigious US based Southern Association of Colleges & Schools, SACS.

Professor Bernadette Warner Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Internationalisation and Online Programs

Professor Bernadette Warner assumed duties as the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, International Programs and Online Programs at the University College of the Caribbean (UCC) on September 28, 2016, following over thirty years of academic, higher

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education administration and senior management experience.

Since the completion of her doctorate in Strategic Management with distinction, at the University of the West Indies' St. Augustine Campus, she has developed an academic record of effective teaching, student learning, an expanding research agenda, professional and community service. Professor Warner has also been recruited to progressively more senior university leadership roles, beginning at the University of the West Indies, and continuing at BPP Business College in the

United Kingdom, as well as the Cardiff Metropolitan University's London School of Commerce Campus, during 2007 to 2012. She subsequently assumed leadership roles as Department Chair, Associate Dean and then Dean of the College of Business Administration at the American University in the Emirates, and was recruited by Al Falah University, also in Dubai, to serve as Academic Dean and Associate Provost in 2015.

Her experience, training and professional commitments include faculty and student motivation,

program development driven by market requirements and faculty competencies, engagement with institutional and program accreditation standards, and research-led teaching. The UCC Executive Vice President's value-adding background is characterized by broad international business experience in project and operations management, as a Vice President of an international consultancy company, ActiVision Inc., as well as her demonstrated ability to lead and manage multicultural staff teams, and her strong interpersonal listening and communication competencies.

Mayberry to Launch First Higher Education IPO For Expanded UCC Online Subsidiary and Proposed UCC University Town and Global Campus (Western Jamaica)

The University College of the Caribbean (UCC) Group recently appointed Mayberry Investments Limited to act as its financial adviser and lead broker as the educational institution prepares to launch the first Higher Education IPO in the Caribbean.

The University's Group Executive Chairman Dr Winston Adams said "UCC's education business model has served us extremely well to date, however, we must keep reinventing ourselves, and Mayberry Investments is the perfect partner to assist us in achieving this strategic expansion goal".

The UCC, Jamaica's largest private, non-affiliated tertiary institution, was founded in 2004. It is a member of the Organisation of American States Consortium, the American



Dr. Winston Adams (second left), Group Executive Chairman, UCC Group and Tania Waldron-Gooden (third left), Senior VP of Research, Corporate Finance & Special Projects, Mayberry Investments, sign official agreement to formally signal a partnership between UCC and Mayberry Investments. Looking on are Mrs. Geraldine Adams (right), Deputy Executive Chairperson, and Dr. Velma Brown-Hamilton (left), board member/Corporate Secretary and Chief Legal Advisor; and (back row, from left) -David Wan, Group Finance Director, Professor Dennis Gayle, Executive Chancellor & Interim President; and Professor Bernadette Warner, Executive VP, Academic Affairs, Internationalisation & Online Programs.

Council on Education, and the Commonwealth of Learning. "We are pleased to be working with one of Jamaica's premier higher

educational institutions with the hope that assisting them in raising the capital they require to expand will lead to greater opportunities for more students across Jamaica, the Caribbean, and ultimately, the world to pursue a university education," said Gary Peart, CEO of Mayberry, in a statement.

SUBSIDIARIES AND DIVISIONS

University College of the Caribbean (UCC) - to be renamed/rebranded, the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean (UCC)

UCC Online (Jamaica/ Caribbean Regions)

UCC International* (Education Export Development)

UCC University Town & Global Campus* (Western Jamaica)

UCC International
Franchising* (Caribbean/
Commonwealth Regions)

UCC Academy, UCCA (Technical/Vocational Division)

UCC Foundation (UCCF) US Inc. (A registered tax exempted 501- C3 entity in

Contact Centre Academy of Jamaica, CCAJ* (BPO Training Institute for BPO Industry)

the State of Florida)

Global Knowledge Process Solutions, GKPS (BPO/KPO subsidiary)

UCC Establishes New Institute, School & College Through Innovative Partnerships

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New Programmes in Medical and Health Sciences to be Offered Through the UCC CSMSJ

Dr Neville Graham (left), Dean of the Caribbean School of Medical Sciences Jamaica (CSMSJ), receives a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding from Dr Winston Adams (right), Group Executive Chairman of the University College of the Caribbean (UCC) Group of companies. Both institutions recently announced an agreement to jointly offer programmes in medical, health and applied sciences. The launch was held on October 18, 2016 at UCC's main campus in St Andrew. Witnessing the occasion are Professor Errol Morrison (second left), Chairman

of CSMSJ and Professor Dennis Gayle (third left), Executive Chancellor and Interim President of UCC.

Speaking at the launch Dr Adams noted that the occasion marked the institution's entry into the natural sciences and beyond its initial programmes based in the social sciences and information technology. He noted that UCC's move to provide training in medicine and health related services was in response to local and international demand for personnel in these occupations.

iCreate Institute Launch and Signing



The University College of the Caribbean (UCC) recently launched the iCreate Institute in partnership with eMedia Interactive Group. The ceremony took place on October 12, 2016 at UCC's main campus on Worthington Avenue in St Andrew. From left Dr Winston Adams, Group Executive Chairman of UCC; Richard Byles, Chairman of eMedia Interactive Group; Tyrone Wilson, CEO of eMedia Interactive Group; and Professor Dennis Gayle, Executive Chancellor & Interim President, UCC review the brochure outlining the programmes to be offered by the new iCreate Institute starting in January 2017. A wide range of programmes in Advertising, Animation, Content Marketing, Digital Video Production and Project Management for the Creative Industry will be offered

New Master's Degrees in Law Through the UCC Law College of the Americas (LCA)



Courtney Wynter (right), chairman, Law Colleges of the Americas, shares a joke with (from left) Dr Velma Brown- Hamilton, board member and chief legal advisor; and Dr Winston Adams, Group Executive Chairman, University College of the Caribbean (UCC), during the launch of the partnership between the UCC and the LCA, held at the university's main campus, 17 Worthington Avenue in St Andrew.



Institutionally Accredited Regional University In Proposed Merger Talks With the UCC

The UCC and an institutionally accredited Caribbean university have earlier this year commenced preliminary talks for a possible merger of both institutions in the next year. This would be an unprecedented development in the Caribbean. According to the UCC, the preliminary talks have been progressing well, to date, and a formal MOU is expected to be signed before Christmas. The proposed new enlarged institution which will generate significant cost

reductions and greater operational & strategic efficiencies will result in one of the largest private universities in the Caribbean region with current student populations more than doubling. The UCC itself was first established twelve years ago through an acquisition of the then Matalon owned Institute of Management & Production (IMP) by the then Institute of Management Sciences (IMS).

Global Knowledge Process Solutions (GKPS) Subsidiary: BPO Gateway to the World

A relatively new entrant to Jamaica's burgeoning BPO industry, GKPS was established by the UCC earlier this year as one of its first subsidiary operations. It brings innovation to the local and overseas markets with highly customisable business processing options augmented through partnership affiliations to design solutions to satisfy both general & unique customer requirements. To date, the company has already expanded its seating and infrastructure capacity and has employed approximately 100 new agents and other talents who are providing BPO services to its first local and international clients

mainly from Canada and the US. The General Manager is Mr. Troy Cotton who has had in excess of some 25 years leadership experience in the BPO/KPO sector in Jamaica and the US.

