PROFESSOR REX Nettleford has been appointed Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies (UWI) to replace Sir Alister McIntyre who is retiring.

His unanimous appointment was made by the University's governing Council yesterday at a meeting on the Mona campus.

Professor Nettleford, now Deputy Vice Chancellor, is the first UWI graduate to be named Vice Chancellor in 50-year history of the regional tertiary institution.

Invitation

The UWI said his appointment will be from October 1, 1998 to July 31, 2000. He will, however, exercise the functions of Vice Chancellor from August 1, 1998, when Sir Alister goes on pre-retirement leave.

In accepting the University Council’s invitation to serve as Vice Chancellor, Professor Nettleford paid tribute to his predecessor and indicated that it would be his intention to develop a strong team from the Pro-Vice Chancellors as presently constituted; and with the University Registrar, her deputy, and the University Bursar in support. In addition, the newly established Committee of Deans would be expected to be in ongoing dialogue with the core management team.

Regional integrity

Professor Nettleford also emphasised the need to maintain the regional integrity of the University and committed his team to building on the achievement of the past, so as to make the UWI truly an instrument of growth and development in the future.

Council concurred in the proposal of the Vice Chancellor-designate that with effect from August 1, 1998, and for a period of two years, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Marlene Hamilton, be assigned special responsibilities for administration and other matters, including science education, student relations and alumni affairs. Professor Hilary Beckles is to be appointed Pro-Vice Chancellor for undergraduate studies for the same period.
Professor Rex Nettleford, (left) the new Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, with outgoing Vice Chancellor Sir Alister McIntyre, at the University's special 50th anniversary convocation ceremony on the Mona campus on Saturday.