Vice Chancellor Nettleford

The governing council of the University of the West Indies has appointed deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor Rex Nettleford, to be Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies in succession to Sir Alister McIntyre. He is the first graduate of the UWI to be appointed to the post.

Professor Nettleford's appointment will be from October 1, 1998 to July 31, 2000. He will, however, exercise the function of Vice Chancellor from August 1, 1998, when Sir Alister proceeds on pre-retirement leave.

In accepting the Council's invitation to serve as Vice Chancellor, 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 duty, 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. Professor Nettleford also emphasised the need to maintain the regional integrity of the University and further committed his team to building on the achievements 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, 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, and that Professor Hilary Beckles be appointed Pro-Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Studies for the same period.

Council also reiterated its appreciation to the outgoing Vice Chancellor, Sir Alister McIntyre, in terms of its Special Resolution adopted at its meeting of April 24.