

## 1. *Chairman's Statement*

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Academic year 2006–2007 marked the first year in my role as Chairman of the Mona Campus Council. It has been a year of considerable challenges, particularly in light of the leadership changes contingent on the appointment of Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Elsa Leo-Rhynie as Principal, following the elevation, at short notice, of Principal Kenneth O. Hall to the position of Governor General in February 2006. It is to Principal Leo-Rhynie's credit that the leadership transition appeared seamless and that the Campus continued on the transformational path charted in the 2002–2007 University Strategic Plan and made even more specific to the challenges confronting the Mona Campus through the work of the Strategic Challenges Task Force (SCTF).

The work of the SCTF was extended through the formation in January 2005 of the Strategic Transformation Team (STT) which under Principal Leo-Rhynie's leadership in the reporting period, concluded its two-year timetable, putting in place policy positions relating to academic and management accountability and performance and developing initiatives such as the First Year Experience programme dedicated to the challenge of student transformation. The strategic transformation work on the Mona Campus further assisted in laying the groundwork for the Vice Chancellor-led 2007–2012 University Strategic Plan.



This current Strategic Plan, the development of which every level of the Mona Campus and stakeholder groups was involved, seeks to position the University as a first class one that can compete on the regional and international market and one which will accelerate the processes of national and regional development. Its emphasis on the core themes of teaching and learning, graduate studies, research and innovation and service to the UWI-12 countries, points to a commitment to regional human resource development and strengthening of national economies that will facilitate our competitive participation in the global economy.

I am especially pleased to serve as Chairman of the Mona Campus Council in this exciting period. The selection of Professor Gordon Shirley as Pro Vice Chancellor and Principal of the Campus is auspicious in its anticipation of dynamic, visionary and sustained leadership that will see to the realisation of the current Strategic Plan which seeks by 2012 to position UWI as “an innovative, internationally competitive contemporary university deeply rooted in the Caribbean, committed to creating the best possible future for all our stakeholders.’

It is my intention to ensure through oversight of the Campus’s operations and implementation of this Plan that all our stakeholders feel a level of satisfaction with our progress towards establishing this Campus as a first class academy and that in so doing, the Campus will have the strengthened and robust support of all relevant constituencies.



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