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WELCOME TO THE FOURTH EDITION OF OBUS NEWS! This edition reports on the meeting of the Board for Undergraduate Studies (BUS) held on 26th May 2014

A wide range of issues were discussed as part of a packed agenda for the May Meeting of BUS held at Cave Hill Campus. Some of the topics included: the role of Honours Education at UWI; the inclusion of Caribbean content in Foundation Courses; students performance in online programmes; and a proposal for a University-wide course in Information Literacy proposed by the University Libraries.

New/Revised Programmes approved:

Mona

BSc Major & Minor in Energy and Environment Physics
BSc Minor in Coastal Ecosystems
Revision of Chemistry Majors, Minors and Options -
Environmental Chemistry Major, Chemistry with Education Option, Chemistry and Management Option
Special Chemistry Option, General Chemistry Minor, Industrial Chemistry Minor
Environmental Chemistry Minor, Food Chemistry Minor & Food Processing Minor

Minor in Biomolecular Sciences
Major in Software Engineering
Revision of Minor in Caribbean Sign Language
Minor in Japanese
Minor in Reggae Studies
Revised BA in African Diaspora Studies
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Film Production
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation
Mathematics Programmes -
BSc Actuarial Science
BSc Statistical Science
BSc Mathematics with Education Studies
BSc Mathematics and Modelling Processing
BSc Major in Mathematics
BSc Minor in Mathematics

St. Augustine

BSc Mathematics
Major in Mathematics
BSc in Statistics and Economics
BSc in Actuarial Science
Major in Electronics
Major in Environmental Science

Minor in Human Geography
Major in Geosciences
BSc Political Leadership, Strategic Management
BSc Public Policy and Management
BSc Social Work

Please Note!

**With effect from semester I
2014/2015 Foundation Courses
will be included in the GPA.**

UWI and the Teachers' Colleges in Jamaica

Following a decision taken at University Council in April, BUS approved a range of B.Ed Programmes developed and delivered by Eight Teachers' Colleges in Jamaica (in association with the Joint Board of Teacher Education and the University Council of Jamaica) for the award of the UWI B.Ed. This opens an exciting new chapter in relations between the University and the Colleges.

Update on Implementation of the Revised GPA Scheme

As the new academic year approaches, preparations for the implementation of the Revised GPA Scheme are in high gear. BUS heard that training of academic staff in the application of the new scheme is continuing on all campuses, while the necessary adjustments to technical and administrative systems were proceeding. BUS discussed the Revised GPA Regulations and approved them subject to some adjustments to the wording. The finalised version will be published soon.