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UVI Alumni Association Ready to Grow

Refreshed, invigorated and ready to work, representatives from the UVI Alumni Association President's Retreat have recommitted themselves to moving the chapters forward. Representatives from eight of the 12 alumni chapters participated in the retreat held in October on St. Maarten, where they were hosted by Roberto Arrindell, president of the country's chapter.



UVI Alumni Association Board of Directors pose for a photo at a retreat in St. Maarten. They are, from left to right, Anita Duggins-Liburd '81, Jennifer Turnbull '76, Tracy Lettsome '91, Deanna Rogers '87, Marthious Clavier '02, Roberto Arrindell '94 and William Schouten '74.

"It was an overwhelming success," said UVI Alumni Association President Deanna Rogers, '87. Dormant alumni association chapters have been reactivated and functioning ones have been reinvigorated, she said. As a result the chapters are expected to experience a growth in numbers and new chapters are expected to be chartered. UVI alumni in the Philadelphia region are now seeking to form a chapter. Also, the reinstalled alumni newsletter will improve communication among alumni, said Rogers, who is also president of the association's St. Thomas/St. John Chapter.

At the retreat Rogers told members, "don't just sit back

and relax at this retreat, actively participate in all of the sessions we have planned for you. Experience the burst and revival of new energies. Take this new energy source to your respective chapters and allow it to flow throughout your community."

During the retreat chapter presidents, who make up the Board of Directors of the UVI Alumni Association, elected executive officers. They are: Jennifer Turnbull, '76, (Miami), vice president; Marthious Clavier, '02, (St. Croix), treasurer; Tracy Lettsome, '91, (Georgia), recording secretary; Lecia Rubaine, '92, (Tortola), corresponding secretary; William Schouten, '74, (Antigua), nominating committee chair; and Roberto Arrindell, '94, (St. Maarten), public relations officer.

At the retreat UVI President Dr. LaVerne E. Ragster committed the University's full support to the Alumni Association, a move Rogers said will strengthen the association.

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UVI students and staff participate in the "Walk Against Substance Abuse" on the St. Thomas campus. The walk, which began at the Classroom Administration Building bus stop and ended at the Dining Pavilion, was one of the several Red Ribbon Week activities held on both campuses.

Events Calendar

Oct. 31	Coral Reef Lecture	STT/STX
Nov. 1	Liberty Day - UVI Closed	
Nov. 1	Virgin Gorda Get-Away	STT
Nov. 1	Co-ed Volleyball Playoffs	STX
Nov. 3	CLEP Exam	STT
Nov. 3-6	'Dance Bongo' Play	STT
Nov. 4	Jazz Ensemble Concert	STT
Nov. 7	NSE Meeting	STT/STX
Nov. 11	Board of Trustees Meeting	STX
Nov. 11	Computer Literacy Exam	STX
Nov. 10	Veterans' Day - UVI Closed	
Nov. 10	McCoy Tyner at Reichhold	STT

Three Join the UVI Board of Trustees

The University of the Virgin Islands welcomed three new members to the Board of Trustees, the policy making body of the University. Dr. Wesley S. Williams, Jr., Dr. Aletha Baumann and Weena McFarlane joined the board in September.



Dr. Wesley S. Williams, Jr.



Dr. Aletha Baumann



Weena McFarlane

Dr. Williams, who was appointed by Virgin Islands Gov. Charles W. Turnbull and confirmed by the 26th Legislature of the Virgin Islands, fills a vacancy on the board. Dr. Baumann and McFarlane were both elected by their colleagues – Dr. Baumann to serve as the faculty representative to the board, and McFarlane as the student representative to the board. Dr. Baumann and McFarlane are both on the St. Croix campus, as the representatives alternate between campuses each year.

Dr. Williams, an attorney, is the president and chief operating officer of the Lockhart Companies, Inc., a 28-company conglomerate of real estate, insurance, finance and related businesses. He also serves as co-chairman and co-CEO of the Lockhart Companies, Inc. board of directors. Dr. Williams' extensive resume includes leadership positions at national and international banking, brokerage and asset management firms. As a UVI Board of Trustees member Dr. Williams will also serve on the board's Development Committee and the Committee on Trustees.

and Social Sciences Division in 2005. On the UVI Board of Trustees Dr. Baumann will also serve on the Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee and the Planning Committee. She is also a member of the UVI Reaccreditation Team Shared Governance Committee.

McFarlane's University involvement includes being a veteran peer counselor, a senior senator of the Student Government Association, and a member of the psychology club, math boosters and the Golden Key International Honour Society. She will also serve on the board's Academic, Research and Student Affairs Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee. She is also a member of the UVI Reaccreditation Team Shared Governance Committee and the Student Assessment/Planning Committee.

The 17-member UVI board meets formally three times a year, but much of the on-going work of the board is done in its six committees. The committees meet throughout the academic year to hear presentations by UVI administration, review detailed reports and prepare reports for the board.

The next meeting of the UVI Board of Trustees is scheduled for Nov. 11 on the St. Croix campus.

Ideas Sought for UVI Magazine

The next issue of the UVI Magazine will note the accomplishments and life stories of the University's most important stakeholders – its students. To recommend a student for this issue send an e-mail to pr@uvi.edu.

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