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OFFICERS: 2017/2018 GOS EXECUTIVES: Howard Brown (P) | Nickson Barry (VP) | Kedejah Green (VP)
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PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kingston, Jamaica: 21/7/2017 - On Friday July 21, 2017, The University of the West Indies Open Campus, Guild of Students (GOS) held their Induction Ceremony at the Open Campus Sybil Francis Seminar Training Room on the Mona Campus, Kingston, Jamaica.

Ten (10) Regional Councillors were inducted to serve as student leaders for the academic year 2017 – 2018. The Councillors are:

Howard Brown - President

Nickson Barry - Vice President - Administration, Sites and Services

Kedejah Green - Vice President - Special Projects and Fundraising

Dwayne Simon - Post Graduate Representative

Shazahra Khan - Games Committee Chairperson

Rayon Walters - Treasurer

Nickisha Jankie - Secretary

Renitta Peters-Morris - Communications and Public Relations Officer

Leandra Des Vignes - Committee Liaison Officer

Juara Willet - Returning Officer

Campus Registrar, Mrs. Karen Ford-Warner in her opening remarks to the inductees recalled some very notable and distinguished persons across the region who had served as Presidents and Executive Members of The UWI Guild. She told the inductees that it was now their turn and challenged them to make a real and positive difference in the lives of their fellow students and in their communities.

Deputy Principal and Campus Coordinator for Graduate Studies and Research, Professor Julie Meeks greeted the attendees and extended special greetings on behalf of the Principal.

She expressed the administration's continued support to student government at the Open Campus and noted that she was very pleased that the Guild was operating with integrity across the region.

Keynote speaker, Ms. Lisa Hanna, Member of Parliament for South East St Ann, Jamaica in her remarks noted that leadership was important and should not just be seen as a title. She charged the inductees who are tasked with sounding the voices of over six thousand students regionally, on the need for effective leadership and the ability to take risks as leaders.

Following the ceremony the Executive Members participated in a retreat to discuss their plans for student engagement and improvement for the academic year. The retreat culminated on Sunday July 23, 2017.

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Photo Caption:

The Guild Inductees decked out in their red robes shared a photo moment with (front row) Deputy Principal, Professor Julie Meeks-Gardner, (3rd left), Campus Registrar, Mrs. Karen Ford-Warner (centre), Guild Office Manager, Ms. Ruthlyn Matthias (right) and (back row) Member of Parliament, Ms Lisa Hanna, (1st right) and Assistant Registrar, Student Support and Services, Mrs. Alecia Walters Archie (2nd right).