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OF THE BAHAMAS

Panel of University Presidents

Wednesday, the ninth day of November
Two thousand and sixteen
At half past six in the evening

Performing Arts Centre
The College of The Bahamas
Oakes Field Campus
New Providence, Commonwealth of The Bahamas



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ORDER OF PROGRAMME

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION
OF MODERATOR

MR. TRAVEN CARGILL
Senator, Student Government Association
Bio-Chemistry Major

MODERATOR

MS. A. GABRIELLA FRASER
Principal, The Vivian Group
former Associate Vice President, External Affairs

PRESENTATIONS

MS. JANYNE HODDER
Former President, The College of The Bahamas

DR. SIDNEY MCPHEE
President, Middle Tennessee State University

PROFESSOR DR. WARREN BUCK
Chancellor Emeritus, University of Washington, Bothell

SIR. GEORGE ALLEYNE
Chancellor, University of the West Indies

DR. RODNEY D. SMITH
President, The College of The Bahamas

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

VOTE OF THANKS

MS. ROBERTHA OCTAVIA DEAN
Senator, Student Government Association
English Major



Ms. A. GABRIELLA FRASER

The Vivian Group is headed by founding Principal Gabriella Fraser. An Economist by profession, Ms. Fraser is a proven researcher and analyst. Her career achievements cross key sectors of the Bahamian economy, including, Higher Education, Tourism, Financial Services and the Electronic Communications Sector, in core responsibility areas of administration, policy and regulation.

At The College of The Bahamas, Ms. Fraser served as the Associate Vice President with responsibility for External Affairs and as a part-time faculty member in the School of Business; at the Ministry of Tourism and Aviation she was the Director for Onshore Communications; at The Central Bank of The Bahamas, she held various positions including Economist and Assistant Manager of the Bank's Research Department; at the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority she was the Corporate and Consumer Relations Manager.

Trained by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), The World Bank, The Bank of England, The Commonwealth Secretariat, The Centre for Latin American Monetary Studies (CEMLA) and the University of Florida's Public Utility Research Center, Ms. Fraser holds a Master of Arts degree in Economic Development and Policy Analysis from the University of Nottingham (UK), a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Finance from Barry University (USA), and an Associate of Arts degree in Pure and Applied Mathematics from The College of The Bahamas. Ms. Fraser has a postgraduate Diploma in Financial Economics from the University of London and a certificate from the London School of Economics and Political Science for studies in Unemployment, Inequality and the Welfare State and Economic Perspectives on Society. She is currently completing a Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) in Higher Education Management with the University of Bath (UK).





DR. RODNEY D. SMITH



Dr. Rodney D. Smith is the President and Chief Executive Officer of The College of The Bahamas.

Dr. Smith has served in several senior administrative leadership positions, from president of a public institution of higher education to programme coordinator, to director, professor and dean at various institutions. Prior to taking up the presidency of The College of The Bahamas in 2014, Dr. Smith served as the Administrative Vice President at Hampton University, with numerous responsibilities at one of the world's foremost historically Black colleges and universities.

A Bahamian, Dr. Smith attended high school in New Providence at Saint Augustine's College. He received his doctorate of education degree from the Harvard University Graduate School of Education in the area of Administration, Planning and Social Policy. In addition, he earned a master's degree in Education with a Concentration in International Development from Harvard University, a master of arts from Fisk University

in Clinical/Educational Psychology and a bachelor's in Psychology from Saint John's University.

He served as President of The College of The Bahamas from 2004 to 2005.

Dr. Smith is the recipient of several fellowships and has served as trustee, chair and member of several national and international boards, associations and local government committees. Most recently, he served as deputy chair for the Steering Committee of the Bahamas National Development Plan, and currently serves as Council Member of the Bahamas National Accreditation and Equivalency Council. He has spoken internationally and domestically since taking office; written several articles; and currently serves as Editor of a compilation of memories into a book on the Harvey Administration at Hampton University.

Dr. Smith is married to Dr. Christina C. Smith and is the father of four adult children.



MS. JANYNE M. HODDER



Ms. Janyne Hodder began her career as an elementary school teacher at Queen's College in Nassau, Bahamas. She became a reading specialist and taught at The Bahamas Teachers' College, before joining the newly created College of The Bahamas. She later returned to graduate studies, earning a Master of Arts in Educational Psychology from McGill University. She went on to serve in the Quebec Ministry of Education in Canada, eventually holding the post of Assistant Deputy Minister before being appointed the first woman to serve as head of a university in Quebec, as Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Bishop's University in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada where she developed new programmes, increased the university research profile, expanded enrolment and raised significant funds.

After serving Bishop's for nine years, she joined McGill University, Montreal, Canada, as Vice-Principal, Inter-Institutional Relations, responsible for building relationships with provincial and municipal governments and other socio-economic and educational partners.

Ms. Hodder returned to The College of The Bahamas in 2006 where she served as President for four years. In that role, she was responsible for developing a strategic plan, developing new academic programmes including The College's first graduate degree (MBA), reinforcing research opportunities for faculty and students, building infrastructure and raising funds from alumni and friends.

Ms. Hodder has served on numerous Boards, including The International Association of Universities based in Paris, France as well as on boards in Canada, The Bahamas and in the educational, social, cultural and health sectors.

She was awarded a Doctor of Civil Law degree (honoris causa) from Bishop's University and is a recipient of the Queen's Jubilee medal for service to community.

Ms. Hodder continues to serve as a freelance consultant helping not-for-profit organizations in Canada and The Bahamas, primarily in education and philanthropy, developing strategic plans and managing strategic issues.



DR. SIDNEY A. MCPHEE

Dr. Sidney A. McPhee, a native son of The Bahamas, became the tenth president of Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) in 2010. Prior to his arrival at MTSU, Dr. McPhee was executive vice chancellor for the Tennessee Board of Regents system (TBR) in Nashville. He also served as the TBR's chief academic officer and interim chancellor. Before his appointment at TBR, he served in various senior-level administrative capacities at several major universities, including Oklahoma State University, University of Louisville and University of Memphis.

After high school in The Bahamas, Dr. McPhee spent one year as a student at The Bahamas Teachers' College before transferring to Prairie View A&M University in Texas, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He received his master's degree from the University of Miami, and a doctorate in applied behavioral studies in education from Oklahoma State University. He is also a graduate of the Harvard University Management Development Program and has completed professional development programs at St. Mary's University of San Antonio, Texas, and Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

As an academician with a string of accolades, his scholarly publications and presentations are also extensive. His publications have appeared in local, national and international professional journals.

In 2002, President George W. Bush appointed Dr. McPhee to the National Council for the Humanities. He was named Outstanding American University President of 2002 by the American Football Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has honored Dr. McPhee as a Paul Harris Fellow. In November of 2013, he was inducted into the hall of fame for R.M. Bailey Senior High School, his alma mater in The Bahamas. He has also received the Confucius Institute's Individual Performance Excellence Award, the institute's highest award.

President McPhee is married to Elizabeth McPhee and they have two adult children, Seneca and Sidney-Anthony.



PROFESSOR EMERITUS WARREN W. BUCK

Dr. Warren W. Buck is presently Chancellor Emeritus and Professor of Physics Emeritus at University of Washington, Bothell. He also maintains adjunct professor appointments at University of Washington, Seattle and at William and Mary.

Dr. Buck has served on many boards and committees. He presently serves on the Board of Visitors of William and Mary as well as on the Board of Trustees for Pacific Northwest University for Health Sciences (chairs Academic Affairs Committee).

He is well known internationally for his physics research and the educational opportunities he has created. He has won many awards and is a Fellow of the American Physical Society. He is an able yachtsman and successful artist.

He is married to Cate Buck and they have four adult children and two grandchildren.



SIR GEORGE ALLEYNE

Sir George Alleyne, a native of Barbados, became Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Regional Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) on 1 February 1995 and completed a second four-year term on 31 January 2003. In 2003 he was elected Director Emeritus of the PASB.

From February 2003 until December 2010 he was the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean. In October 2003 he was appointed Chancellor of the University of the West Indies. He currently holds an Adjunct professorship on the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Alleyne has received numerous awards in recognition of his work, including prestigious decorations and national honours from many countries of the Americas. In 1990, he was made Knight Bachelor by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for his services to Medicine. In 2001, he was awarded the Order of the Caribbean Community, the highest honour that can be conferred on a Caribbean national.