

Vice Chancellor Dr. Ivelaw Griffith names Leadership Team of UG's Diasporic Association

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On a recent visit to New York the path that is continuing efforts to transform Guyana's premier tertiary education institution the University of Guyana saw the formal establishing of a leadership team of what Dr. Griffith calls Education Resource Ambassadors who are patriots and individuals in Guyana and in the Diaspora, irrespective of whether or not they are alumni or former faculty and staff of the university. Their commitment and support in time, finances and other resources has given Vice Chancellor Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith and his team a deep appreciation for what he calls Renaissance flag bearers in the Diaspora, not just with lofty platitudes, but with laudable practices.

The commitment and support has been reflected in individual and collective efforts to establish the Alumni and Friends of The University of Guyana (AFOUG), securing appropriate non-profit status, and hosting their inaugural fund-raising Gala which provided a donation of \$2,500 USD to the Vice Chancellors' Fund at UG with its Silent Auction last September 2017. The Vice Chancellor's Fund has served 11-13 students and staff who lost their homes to fire in 2017 with each being presented \$100,000-GYD to assist them in recovery from their losses.

This commitment is further manifested in the willingness of colleagues to rise to the challenge to institutionalize the organization with a leadership team. The individuals named have accepted Vice Chancellor Griffiths nomination to constitute the Founding Leadership of AFOUG, as follows:

- President: Ms. Allison Skeete
- First Vice President: Mr. Leslie Stewart
- Second Vice President: Mr. Philip Smith
- Secretary: Dr. Terrence Blackman
- Assistant Secretary: Ms. Karen A. Wharton
- Treasurer: Dr. Rosalind October -Edun
- Public Relations Officer: Dr. Dhanpaul Narine
- Parliamentarian: Dr. Frank Denbow
- Executive Committee Member: Dr. Candace Cummings
- Executive Committee Member: Kishore Seaunarine