



# Ministry of Tertiary Education & Skills Training

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Senator The Honorable Fazal Karim, Minister of Tertiary Education & Skills Training

## Karim responds to UWI Impasse

### **ANSWER**

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to respond to the question posed by the Honourable Leader of the Opposition and to state that an accord has been reached between the Campus Administration, St. Augustine and the **West Indies Group of University Teachers (WIGUT)** following a meeting this morning at 10:30am at the Office of the Campus Principal. The arrears of **\$87 Million** for revised terms and conditions over the period **August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2014** owed to academic, senior administrative and professional staff will be made in tranches by May 31, 2015.

With respect to the non-academic staff, negotiations are currently underway with the Campus Administration and their bargaining unit.

The Campus Principal of the St. Augustine Campus has advised that WIGUT will make an official release later today on the matter. I wish to thank the following persons who have assisted in the resolution of this matter:

- Permanent Secretary Amroodeen Ali and staff of the Ministry of Tertiary Education and Skills Training.
- Campus Principal and PVC of the St. Augustine Campus – Professor Clement Sankat, the Registrar, Campus Bursar and all other staff.
- The WIGUT.

*Statement by: Senator the Hon. Fazal Karim*

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