THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES

**Meeting of the UWIDEC Academic Programme Committee
to be held on Friday, May 5, 2006
at the St Augustine Hill Campus**

UNESCO Local E-Governance in the Caribbean Program

(1)   In 2005, UWIDEC entered into an agreement with UNESCO to offer an online specialized course on Local E-Governance in the Caribbean based on course materials that had previously been developed in Spanish by the University of Catalona. The agreement specifically allowed UWIDEC to revise/adapt the existing materials to suit our local environment. A team comprising the Director as Programme Coordinator, Mr. Derrick Thompson and Dr. Olabisi Kuboni as Deputy Programme Coordinators, with assistance from Mr. Anil Chatergoon and Mrs. Gillian Beckles, was responsible for developing the infrastructure for managing course development and delivery.

(2)   A course development team revised the material for the course's first delivery, administered totally online and is supported by the Learning Management system – Moodle. There were twenty-three (23) registered students for the October – December 2005 offering.

(3)   Statistics for E-Gov Course

Number of:	
Applicants	38
Offers Made	25
Places Accepted	24
Applicants who were offered conditional acceptance (i.e. a place in an upcoming E-Gov course upon completion of their current programmes of study)	3
Applications Rejected	3
Applicants Not Offered as a Result of Lack of Documentation	6
Applications withdrawn	1
Students passing the course	15

(4)   Following the first offering, the materials were revised and in April 2006, students were admitted to the second offering of the course. To date there are 31 students registered in the programme with a number of them being offered scholarships of US$100 towards the Course registration fee. The course which commenced on the April 17, 2006 has had an initial participation rate of approximately 70%. Initial posting by students indicate a high level of enthusiasm and satisfaction with the course to date.

(5)   The Course coordinator for the second offering, Dr Pearson Broome, is currently writing first and second level courses in e-governance for delivery on the Cave Hill campus. It is intended that the UNESCO course and the first level Cave Hill course be "harmonized" so as to allow credit transfer.

(6)   Additional information about this course may be obtained at:
http://e-gov.dec.uwi.edu/index.html