ABSTRACT

This dissertation examines the employment status of Bachelor of Science (BSc) Degree Agribusiness Management graduates from the University of the West Indies (UWI), St Augustine Campus, from 1997 through 2007. By examining this topic, I clarify the status of the graduates and the constraints the program held towards obtaining employment. The dissertation explores the graduates current employment status, the types of jobs and positions held, relevance of the degree and whether other career paths were chosen. The major research strategies included an analysis of data and relevant articles pertinent to the topic. Data have been collected from a questionnaire, interviews, the UWI Website, faculty booklets and the Internet. This dissertation sought to investigate the current employment status of BSc Agribusiness Management Graduates from the UWI. It was found that even though majority of the graduates were currently employed, not all of them worked in the Agribusiness Sector. The graduates held a variety of jobs and positions, and most graduates considered the program to be quite relevant to their current occupation. The courses which they regarded as being relevant were also outlined. Some graduates even went on to further themselves by doing post graduate studies, however most of the fields chosen were not linked to Agribusiness. The outcome of the degree was not satisfactory and the graduates’ thought that improvements are needed. It is also suggested that the UWI develop system for tracking graduates as there is none in place, and it will benefit both the UWI and the graduates.