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UWI surprised at announcement of new Chancellor

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The University of the West Indies (The UWI) said it has noted, with surprise, the announcement made by Trinidad and Tobago’s Minister of Education, Anthony Garcia at a post-Cabinet media briefing on the subject of the appointment of a new UWI Chancellor.

At the briefing, Garcia **announced** that Robert Bermudez, founder of the Bermudez Biscuit Company, would become the first non-academic Chancellor of The UWI.

However, the University, in a release, said Chancellors are appointed in accordance with the University’s Statute 4 which clearly states, “The Chancellor shall be appointed by the University Council.”

"The University confirms that over the past few months, it has been working through a specially-appointed Search Committee, to identify an appropriate successor to Sir George Alleyne, who is carded to demit office in the latter half of 2017. The matter of the appointment of the University’s new Chancellor is an item on the agenda for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting of University Council, set to take place on April 27, 2017, in Barbados. It is at this meeting that a final decision will be made on the new UWI Chancellor," The UWI said.

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Professor Cardinal Warde, and Sir Baltron Bethel.

He said the Committee intends to submit its recommendations to the Business Session of the Council of the UWI in Barbados on April 27 after which Bermudez will be sworn in.

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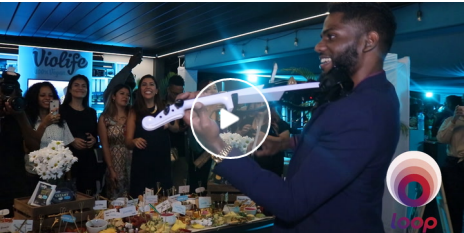
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