

— [T&T News](#) 2 min read

Garcia: Cabinet told me to announce new UWI chancellor

admin | April 21, 2017 02:57 PM ET



Garcia defended his announcement regarding the next Chancellor of the University of the West Indies (UWI), St Augustine, after the university expressed surprise, saying it was not aware of the development.

Responding to an urgent question put forward by Chaguanas East MP Fazal Karim in Parliament on Friday, Garcia said that the new Chancellor of the University of the West Indies, St Augustine, would be officially announced after a meeting of the University Council next Thursday.

“A procedure has to be followed,” Garcia said, which was met by laughter from some members.

“There will be a meeting next Thursday in Barbados of the University’s Council in which the report of the University’s Search Committee will be presented.”

“After that has been done the University Council will decide when the new chancellor will assume office.”

He said the current Chancellor will demit office on July 31, 2017.

Recent Articles

— [Crime](#)

[Broken red light leads to alleged marijuana seizure](#)

37 minutes ago

— [T&T News](#)

[JSC disappointed as top cop misses 'crucial' session](#)

43 minutes ago

— [Crime](#)

[Tobago cops arrest six for assault, gun possession, fraud, break-ins](#)

44 minutes ago

Karim said Garcia's announcement at Thursday's post-Cabinet briefing, in which [he said that business magnate Robert Bermudez had been chosen](#) as the next Chancellor, was a contravention of University rules which prejudiced the decision-making process.

However, Garcia stood by his statement, saying he had been authorised to do so.

“My statement at the post-Cabinet media was by no means premature. There was a Search Committee that was appointed to identify a choice for a new chancellor.”

“I was directed by the Cabinet of this country to make such a statement.”

“In fact it was the feeling of Cabinet that at this point it was safe and prudent to make such a statement.”

A statement from the Education Ministry said Cabinet was “kept informed on the deliberations of the Search Committee especially since Robert Bermudez was a nominee of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago”.

“Minister Garcia was directed by Cabinet to report to the general public on the facts as they stood, pertaining to the recommendation of the Search Committee on the appointment of the New Chancellor of The University of the West Indies.”

“Cabinet waited until in its opinion, it was safe and prudent to advise our population on this development,” the statement said.

UWI said Thursday that it noted Garcia's [announcement with surprise](#), as Chancellors are appointed in accordance with the University's Statute 4 which clearly states, “The Chancellor shall be appointed by the University Council.”

Bermudez, who is the founder of the Bermudez Biscuit Company, would become the first non-academic Chancellor of the UWI, if he is chosen.

See also: [UWI surprised at announcement of new Chancellor](#)

Loop is better in the app. Customize your news feed, save articles for later, view your reading history and more. Click the links below to download the app for Android and IOS.



[Tyre Nichols' brutal beating by police shown on video | Loop Trinidad & Tobago](#)

T&T Loop News

[Doctors warn Beenie Man he could lose leg | Loop Trinidad & Tobago](#)

T&T Loop News

Avoid Writing Mistakes With This Desktop App

Grammarly | Sponsored

[Install Now](#)

Meghan Markle's No Makeup Photo: Her Real Face Is Quite Different

Doctor Report | Sponsored

[Read More](#)

Greta Thunberg, 19 Years Old, Drives Probably The Most Expensive Car In The World

Paperela | Sponsored

Trinidadians and Tobagonians Citizens Can Apply for Canadian Permanent Resident Card

Canada IMS | Sponsored

[Sign Up](#)

Greta Thunberg, 19 Years Old, Drives Probably The Most Expensive Car In The World

Paperela | Sponsored

Trinidad And Tobago Solar Panels: See How Much It Will Cost To Install Them (See Prices)

Best Solar Panel System | Sponsored

Advertisement

Advertisement

Sponsored Stories



[One-stop shop: Presto Market launches range of fresh produce in Arima](#)

The launch of Presto Market at Tumpuna Road, Arima, heralds a deliciously fresh new way to shop. Originally known for their on-the-go meals, the launch of Presto Market in Arima features a range of

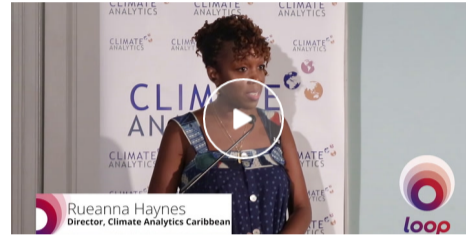
Sponsored By [Presto Market](#)



[Violife's 100% vegan cheese alternatives wows Trinis](#)

Violife has successfully introduced a range of award-winning vegan alternatives to cheese products to Trinidad and Tobago. The items are free from dairy, preservatives, casein, lacto

Sponsored By [Violife](#)



[Climate Analytics Caribbean: Advancing climate action for our islands](#)

Trinidad and Tobago-based Climate Analytics Caribbean has launched a new era of climate action in the Caribbean. The newly established office is part of an international organisation which provi

Sponsored By [Climate Analytics Caribbean](#)



[Coca-Cola My Happy Playlist: Nailah picks her fave Carnival songs](#)

Soca is renowned as happy music, the genre that keeps your feet and waists moving, puts a smile on your face and touches somewhere deep in your soul. Soca is music you have to experience, and Carn

Sponsored By [Coca-Cola Caribbean](#)

loop The Caribbean's Most Downloaded News App



Stay Connected

 [Facebook](#)

 [Twitter](#)

 [Instagram](#)

Loop News

[Advertise with us](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

[Terms of Use](#)

[Comments Policy](#)

[About Us](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Submit an Article](#)



Sign Up For Our Newsletter

E-Mail

I'm not a robot reCAPTCHA
Privacy - Terms

Subscribe

COPYRIGHT 2020 BY DIGICEL | ALL RIGHTS RESERVED