

# All were singing the same song

THE editorial in the *Express* of December 7, took The University of the West Indies to task for almost removing Fixin T&T's Kirk Waithe from a discussion on sexual harassment due to legal concerns. The forum was arranged by the Institute for Gender and Development Studies (IGDS).

"It is clear that The UWI lacks clarity about its role and responsibility as a force for supporting discussion, debate and exchange of even the most contentious and challenging ideas," said the editorial. That is probably true, but the legal issue isn't the real problem at The UWI.

The forum itself comprised only persons who agree with the premise that sexual harassment should be made illegal.

This is typical of panels arranged by the IGDS and many other The UWI departments, which never include a dissenting voice. So allowing Mr Waithe to eventually speak didn't lead to debate, just consensus.

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