

University of the Southern Caribbean attains ACTT Institutional Accreditation Status



On Monday May 21, 2012, the Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education, Senator the Honourable Fazal Karim, presented the Certificate of Institutional Accreditation to the University of the Southern Caribbean (USC) in a formal ceremony held at the Ministry's headquarters at the International Waterfront Centre, Wrightson Road, Port of Spain.

In his keynote address, Senator Karim spoke about the importance of accreditation and its benefits. He stated that "Accreditation is based on the principles of a quality management system." Further, he added that it "turns concerns into confidence" and "moves faith into the future". Senator Karim congratulated the President of USC, Dr Clinton Valley, on the achievement of Institutional Accreditation and urged the university to produce graduates through teaching, learning and research, upon which the strengths of universities are built, to match the needs of our labour market.

Other speakers at the event included Dr Michael Dowlath, Chairman, ACTT and Dr Clinton Valley, President, USC. In his opening remarks, Dr Dowlath commented on the historical significance of the occasion stating that USC is the fifth institution to be granted Institutional Accreditation by ACTT, and the first private and faith-based university in Trinidad and Tobago and the southern Caribbean to achieve this milestone.

In his remarks, Dr Clinton Valley stated that USC remains committed to providing for this country, the region and the graduates who make a significant, productive and qualitative difference to the environment wherever they live and work.

The Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago congratulates the University of the Southern Caribbean and thanks them for serving as a model for quality in the local and regional higher education sector.



TOP: Senator, the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education (MSTTE), and Dr Michael Dowlath, Chairman, ACTT, present the Certificate of Institutional Accreditation to Dr Clinton Valley, President, USC. Looking on from left to right, Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT, Dr Kern Tobias, Chairman, USC, and Jagernauth Soom, Permanent Secretary, MSTTE.

LEFT: Jagernauth Soom, Permanent Secretary, MSTTE, Senator, the Honourable Fazal Karim, Minister of Science, Technology and Tertiary Education (MSTTE), Michael Bradshaw, Executive Director, ACTT, and Dr Clinton Valley, President, USC look on as Dr Michael Dowlath, Chairman, ACTT, signs the General Conditions of Institutional Accreditation and the Trademark Licence Agreement.

