



**Announcement of the Appointment of Executive Vice
President of UB**

Friday 18th March 2022

Chair, UB Board of Trustees

Allyson Maynard-Gibson QC

Remarks

Good morning.

Ever since its inception as the College of The Bahamas, University of The Bahamas has been envisioned as an institution that would enable the fullest potential of the Bahamian people to be realized. The founders and those who followed have never wavered from this guiding principle. In fact, this remains the beacon for the evolution of the University into the future.

University of The Bahamas – our University – is a cradle for Bahamian imagination and innovation. It is the doorway for the unleashing of Bahamian brilliance and the impact of this is already resounding. Every student who reaches the finish line of their academic programme; every faculty member who passionately imparts knowledge and creates new knowledge; every graduate who contributes to dynamism and

competitiveness in the public and private sector is evidence of the transformative impact of higher learning.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am thrilled to announce yet another step towards building on a strong foundation for the University to take its place on the global stage. Dr. Ian Strachan has been promoted to the position of Executive Vice President of University of The Bahamas, effective 1st April, 2022. He will retain his position as President of University of The Bahamas-North.

Dr. Strachan, a proud graduate of this institution, is a respected member of the academy, the fine arts community and the Bahamian society. He is one of the University's most fervent champions, so I am extremely delighted that he will continue, as EVP, to enthusiastically help to lead UB to international accreditation.

Within the University system, the position of EVP is vitally important. It is enshrined in the University of The Bahamas Act as an officer of the institution and serves a critical role in maximizing operational performance and maintaining continuity. In the absence of the President, or during a vacancy in the office of the President, the Executive Vice President is the most senior officer who, with the Board's authorization, functions as the President.

Equally as important as the role of the EVP is the leader of our UB-North campus in Grand Bahama. Dr. Strachan has demonstrated great courage and tenacity in overcoming

extraordinary challenges and turning adversity into inspiring opportunities. He has done this with the support of resilient faculty, staff, students and partners. The Board of Trustees is fully committed to Dr. Strachan's enunciated vision of the UB-North campus, becoming the hub for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programmes and stronger collaborations to expand capacity in entrepreneurship and innovation. UB-North will become a linchpin for the socio-economic stability of Grand Bahama.

We are living in an era of relentless challenges, seismic shifts and grave disruptions. It is also a period of bold innovation and ingenuity. When the roads of crisis and opportunity intersect, Bahamians – seized with an indomitable spirit – pivot, adapt and rise to the challenge. We reimagine, rethink and innovate, and recreate. This is especially important as we create a post COVID world, focusing on driving national development.

UB is determined to live its mission of driving national development, including as a center of excellence for research. We invite every Bahamian, every stakeholder to join us – all hands on deck.

Thank you.