

**HISTORY OF THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FST) –
CAVE HILL CAMPUS – FORMERLY THE FACULTY OF NATURAL SCIENCES**



Faculty of Natural Sciences

The Faculty of Natural Sciences began as a Division of Natural Sciences at the College of Arts and Science Barbados in 1963. This is supported by a correspondence between D.M Smith and A.Z Preston in 1963 “The University put forward proposals in January 1963 to the University Grants Committee about the establishment of a College of Arts and Science in Barbados” (Permanent Buildings College of Arts and Science Part I June 1964-May 1965).

It was then elevated to a Faculty Committee in 1972 when Cave Hill became a full-fledged university campus of the UWI. This is evidenced by the fact that despite being referred to as the Faculty of Natural Sciences there was one Vice-Dean in many official records “Professor R. Binks, Vice-Dean- Faculty of Natural Sciences” (UWI Cave Hill Finance Committee Minutes January 1972-December 1973, November 19th 1973). The end of the using the name “Division of Natural Sciences” is also noted by the then Principal S.L. Martin in correspondence dated October 17th 1972 “It should also be noted that the Division of Natural Sciences at Cave Hill no longer exists” (Department of Chemistry Formerly Division of Natural Sciences Part IV October 1972-July 1979). The Vice Dean reported to the Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences at the Mona campus who had overarching responsibility for the faculty on all then landed campuses.

It was not until **October 1984** with the restructuring of the UWI that the Faculty of Natural Sciences became a full-fledged Faculty with its own Dean (1st Dean – Mr. Bertram Callender from October 1984) and Deputy Dean “The restructuring of this university is mainly intended to give its campuses significantly increased autonomy. For the cross-campus Faculties this means the elevation at each campus separately of the current Faculty Committees to the status of Faculty Boards (Campus Boards), and of the respective Vice Deans to that of Deans of the Faculty” (Faculty of Natural Sciences Committee Cave Hill Agenda and Papers Part III October 1982-July 1984 Appendix II).