

Because we live in a litigious society, I am not at liberty to comment on many issues; however, as a former faculty member, I feel privileged to prevail upon this senate body to consider three (3) factors in discharging your duties:

- 1. Always consider the best interests of our students in making policies affecting the structure, process and resources of our university;**
- 2. Always build and nurture coalition among the administrators, faculty and students; especially during these most trying times;**
- 3. You must always protect our institutions from the external pressures antithetical to autonomy, academic freedom and integrity of our institution.**

Having said that, I won't be surprised if some lawyer moves for my disqualification in cases involving our University, but I can honestly say this with all candor that these standards merely advocate our goals and mission statements. And I am certain that all of you colleagues know what I am talking about.

I commend all of you for supporting the University and please remember that your service to the University is also service to the entire community and that what you deem is good for the University is good for our island.

Thank you for your support.