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### **The University of Guyana Offers Condolences on the Passing of Bibi Shadick - An Unorthodox Force of Nature, whose Contributions were Extensive and Consequential**

The University of Guyana is saddened and shocked at the sudden passing of a former Pro-Chancellor and Councilwoman of the University of Guyana Ms. Bibi Shadick. Ms. Shadick served the University for over 10 years on various iterations of its Council. She left the Council in 2017 when her last term came to its natural end. Ms. Shadick was known as one of the most forthright and fearless members of the Council while she served. She was also possessed of an incisive mind and a matchless wit.

Ms. Shadick remained interested in education and in the University until the end of her life, having written several notes in recent times, most recently to express her delight in seeing the launch of *UG's International Centre for Excellence in Educator, Innovation and Development* just two months ago. A teacher in her early life, Ms. Shadick taught English and literature at Queens College where she left an indelible mark upon her students many of whom now hold significant positions of responsibility in Guyana and around the world. These include the University's present Vice Chancellor, as well as several past and present government Ministers and Members of Parliament.

*"Ms. Shadick was an unorthodox force of nature, whose sharp tongue and intelligent wit masked a deeply compassionate and warm heart."* Vice-Chancellor Prof. Mohamed has said of her. *"I was fortunate to have known her for the greater part of my life, as a young student in high school and later as a representative on UG's Council. Though she was not still on the*

*Council when I became Vice-Chancellor, she was the first person to call and to express her joy at my appointment. Thereafter she never stopped reaching out warmly. We knew she really wished us well. We are so very saddened that she is gone.”*

The University, therefore, extends sincere and deep condolences to her family, friends, comrades, former students, and loved ones. It is our hope they will be comforted in the knowledge that Bibi Shadick's contributions to this life were extensive and consequential. They will never be lost to those whose lives she touched.

*The University in its entirety, Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Directors, Senior Management Team, Chancellor, past Chancellors, alumni, faculty, staff and students now pray for the peaceful repose of our dear Bibi Shadick's imitable soul.*

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