



UJ OLYMPIC STUDY CENTRE

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1. NAME

The UJ OLYMPIC STUDIES CENTRE (hereafter referred to as the Centre or UJ-OSC).

2. STATUS

The Centre is not an independent legal entity. It is an integral part of the University of Johannesburg (hereafter referred to as the University). The final authority for the Centre is vested in the Council of the University.

3. VISION

The Centre shall be dedicated to basic, applied and strategic research in sport studies within social and management sciences and to deliver services through consultancy, education and training, as well as contract research. The Centre's *raison d'être* shall be consistent with the University and higher education's broader mission and will strive to be a leading research and social development site in Africa with links with Olympic Studies Centres and scholars across the globe.

The Centre's research agenda will connect with the needs of local communities and the larger society in a changing regional and global context. It shall aim to contribute to improvements in service delivery, policy debate and in the expansion of knowledge through cutting edge disciplinary and inter-disciplinary research.

4. GOALS

The goals of the Centre relate to teaching, research, resource development and strategic partnerships in order to:

- 4.1 Develop and deliver quality education and training programmes.
- 4.2 Promote dialogue between different stakeholders involved with furthering development issues in sport through hosting seminars, conferences, workshops, think tanks and 'action tanks'.
- 4.3 Develop resources in the field of Olympic Studies.
- 4.4 Produce quality, innovative and relevant research engaged with pressing global, pan-African, national and local sport-for-development, sport development and related managerial societal needs and priorities.
- 4.5 Integrate research, teaching, community outreach and networking.
- 4.6 Optimize research opportunities and collaborate in nationally, regionally and global identified focus areas in the field of sport.
- 4.7 Build strategic local, national, regional and international partnerships with academic staff and through student exchange programmes.
- 4.8 Engage in contract research, which will be subject to the approval of the Advisory Committee.
- 4.9 Apply for research funds and attracts sponsorship with the approval of the Advisory Committee.

5. MANAGEMENT OF THE CENTRE

An Advisory Committee and a secretariat will manage the activities of the Centre.

5.1 Advisory Committee

- 5.1.1. The Advisory Committee will consist of a maximum of five persons.
- 5.1.2. The Faculty Board will appoint the Advisory Committee and these appointments will be ratified by the Management Executive Committee of the University or delegated as it deems fit.
- 5.1.3. The Advisory Committee will consist of the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, the HOD of the Department of Sport and Movement Studies, two members from industry and a representative from the National Olympic Committee (NOC). The Committee will have powers of co-optation.

- 5.1.4. The Advisory Committee will meet at least twice a year and will report annually via the Board of the Faculty of Health Sciences to the Senate and Council.
- 5.1.5. The Chairperson of the Advisory Committee will be elected by the Advisory Committee and will serve for a period of 4 years.
- 5.1.6. The Advisory Committee will set policy, strategy and inform practices of the Centre.

5.2 Secretariat

5.2.1 The Secretariat is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Centre and reports to the Advisory Committee.

5.2.2 The Secretariat consists of:

- (a) A Director of the Centre – professor in the Department of Sport and Movement Studies
- (b) A Deputy-Director of the Centre – professor in the Department of Sport and Movement Studies
- (c) A Manager of the Centre – initially a part time position
- (d) The HOD of the Department of Sport and Movement Studies

6. STAFF

6.1 The staff of the Centre will consist of persons who identify with the vision and goals of the Centre and wish to participate in furthering its activities. The staff may also consist of student assistants, research fellows, research associates, visiting scholars and honorary researchers.

6.2 The Centre, subject to the approval of the Advisory Committee can contract additional expertise/assistance.

7. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

7.1 The financial management of the Centre will be executed within the financial management policy framework of the University.

7.2 The Centre will be financed by a diversity of funding sources including allocations by the University, national research agencies, as well as the University.

- 7.3 An audited financial report will be submitted annually to the Advisory Committee for scrutiny and for approval to the relevant decision making structures of the University.
- 7.4 Additional financial rewards for academic and non-academic staff will be aligned with UJ policies.
- 7.5 The financial report will be an audited report.

8. COPY RIGHT

- 8.1 Copy right of the results of the research conducted by the Centre will be held by the University except if other agreements have been entered into.
- 8.2 The University policy on Intellectual Property is applicable.

9. DISSOLUTION OF THE CENTRE

- 9.1 The Council of the University has the authority to dissolve the Centre.