



1. Guidelines for managing chapters and affinity groups

The University of Johannesburg resulted from the merger of its legacy institutions, the former Technikon Witwatersrand and the former Rand Afrikaans University (into which the Soweto and East Rand campuses of the former Vista University were incorporated).

UJ intends to increase its global footprint through the establishment of national and international alumni chapters and affinity groups. The intention is to increase our global networking and fundraising opportunities.

2. Membership

Membership of chapter or affinity groups will mainly consist of UJ alumni (from formal/subsidised programmes and from continuing education programmes (non-subsidised qualifications), but may also include other stakeholders. Members are committed to realising the vision of the University by acting in accordance with the University's mission and its core values.

3. Chapters and affinity groups

A chapter is defined nationally and internationally along geographic lines within the location where each chapter is based.

An affinity group is a group formed around a shared interest or common goal, to which individuals formally or informally belong, such as engineering, accounting, mining, or law.

4. What are the objectives of the chapters and affinity groups?

The chapter or affinity group:

- a) Provides support and mentoring to the alumni to ensure that the group continues to exist and function through the use of online platforms such as Alumni Connect. Alumni Connect is a UJ alumni social networking platform, which facilitates engagement, and shares networking and employment opportunities and mentorships.
- b) Promotes and facilitates the engagement of UJ alumni through events, special projects, Alumni Connect and other social media platforms.
- c) Acts as ambassadors of UJ by promoting a positive image/reputation of and respect for the University as a whole.
- d) Participates voluntarily and as such without the University incurring any obligation to remunerate or compensate them or provide them with any benefits.

5. The role of the convener of a chapter or affinity group

Each chapter or affinity group is coordinated by a convenor.

The convener assists the UJ Alumni Office with the following activities:

- a) Convening at least one annual meeting of the chapter/affinity group.
- b) Organising at least one annual alumni networking/engagement.
- c) Recruiting new alumni to the chapter/affinity group.
- d) Representing the chapter/affinity group at alumni events.
- e) Mobilising involvement and support of alumni volunteer activities.
- f) Profiling alumni activities in the various chapters and affinity groups.
- g) Advising on new programmes that provide UJ alumni with the opportunity to remain connected with one another.
- h) Promoting a positive image/reputation of and respect for the University as a whole.