University Sport South Africa Student Leadership Seminar

Creating effective student leadership for the sustainability of University Sport South Africa’s future
About the Event

The USSA student leadership seminar organised by the USSA student forum will take place on the 28 – 29 August 2015, at Central University of Technology, Bloemfontein, South Africa.

The seminar is one of USSA’s initiatives to cultivate good leadership among students in the organisation. The seminar is a platform for sharing experiences, and best practices about student leadership in University Sport.

Background

Leadership occupies a very important space in University sports. The life of University sport is depended on those who lead it. The history of University Sport South Africa can tell one of the good student leadership this organisation has had, and the immeasurable commitment they had to defending the integrity of student sports in South Africa. It is without doubt that student leadership in University sports if a very important aspect towards the success of this organisation.

As USSA celebrates 20 years of it life, its accomplishments over the years, its immerse growth and the immeasurable commitment, dedication and loyalty that all the past and present members of this organisation have had to keeping the organisation strong. It is also a time to map route for the future of the organisation.

As we set our vision for this organisation, looking towards year 2025, sustainability of USSA’s reputation is then very important and it is centred on having quality and effective leadership within this organisation that will protect the historic vision and mission of USSA.

Cultivating good student leaders is important now more that ever to ensuring that USSA grows greater than it has now.
Objectives

The USSA student leadership seminar comes as a call of the strategic development plan of USSA, addressing leadership development; which is a key area in the organisational and programme improvements that the current USSA National Executive Committee (NEC) noted as being of importance.

The objectives of this seminar are:

• Discuss the challenges facing USSA students in today’s society
• Explore opportunities for students to develop leadership skills through participation in sporting activities.
• Discuss the role of students’ leadership in promoting transformation in University Sport.
• Discuss the role of student leadership in organisational growth and improvement of USSA.
The Conference will include the following types of sessions:

- **Plenary Sessions**
  Four (4) plenary sessions focused on sub-themes

- **Break-out Sessions**
  Two break-out sessions after every plenary session to discuss the topic addressed.

- **Additional presentations**
  Presentations by representatives from various organisations invited & students’ presentations
Theme & Sub-themes

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Sub – themes

• USSA – past successes, present challenges and future prospects
• Students’ role in organisational improvements of university sport
• Role of USSA in promoting transformation in South African sports
• What kind of leadership is necessary in modern times to meet the growing challenges in S.A Sports

Students’ Presentations

• What Leadership model do students see in sports and university?
• How can we use university sports as the primary platform for South Africa to be a winning nation?
• How to make student leadership in University sport, a goal envisioned by all African countries?
• The Namibian system – student leadership in University sport
Invited Organisations / people

1. University Sport South Africa Heads of Sport Forum
2. University Sport South Africa Honorary members
3. South African Students’ Union (SAUS)
4. National Association of Student Development (NASDEV)
5. Confederation of University and College Sports Associations (CUCSA)
6. Federation of African University Sport (FASU)
7. International University Sports Federation (FISU)
8. Free State Department of Sports Arts Culture and Recreation