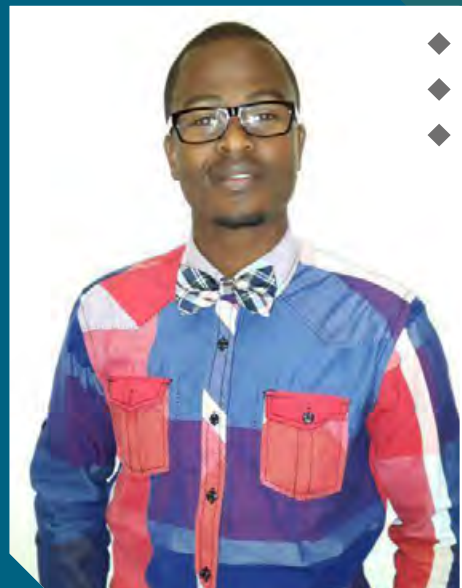


MUT coach appointed chairperson of USSA Aerobics National Committee



Sandzile Dlamini, MUT E-Sport and Aerobics Hip-Hop Coach

As social distancing measures were implemented across the globe, the sporting community had to watch on the side-lines as their sporting tournaments were suspended. Beyond the pandemic, many sporting codes will require strong leadership at the administrative level to bounce back.

In the midst of this turmoil, MUT's E-Sport and aerobics hip-hop coach, Sandzile Dlamini, stepped up to the podium at University Sports South Africa (USSA). He has been appointed to serve as Chairperson of the USSA Aerobics National Committee, after having served as Secretary of the same committee for the last three years.

Every three years at USSA competitions, an Annual General Meeting is held at which universities affiliated to each sporting code choose a committee that will be responsible for the administration and logistics of that particular code nationally. The difference is that this year's new committees will have to grapple with the coronavirus and its aftermath, which caused the USSA games to be cancelled for 2020.

Dlamini explained that these committees are responsible for organising and hosting the annual competition for their code, ensuring that the competitions run smoothly, ensuring that judges and instructors meet world standards, and facilitating selection of teams in preparation for world student games.

Although organising the next, post-COVID-19 USSA games will be a new challenge, Dlamini's years of experience in the committee and his experience as a coach for two sporting codes will place him in an excellent position to drive all the planning. His appointment, explained Dlamini, is an opportunity to provide input to grow the sport towards international competitive standards for athletes.

His appointment also means that MUT now has one of its own at the highest level of university sport, participating in influencing change and growth of the sport nationally and internationally. "MUT Sports will benefit by having representation on bridging the gap between developing institutions and developed institutions regarding competitive sports," said Dlamini.

It will also boost MUT's efforts to produce future leaders in sports and reinforce its role as an anchor institution within its immediate community through sports. His experience will contribute to developing better athletes for MUT and will also pave the way for students to reach for the stars to emulate their coach.