# WALTER SISULU UNIVERSITY

# Faculty of Health Sciences

Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new facility of Faculty of Health Sciences

PROGRAMME 24 March 2014 15h30

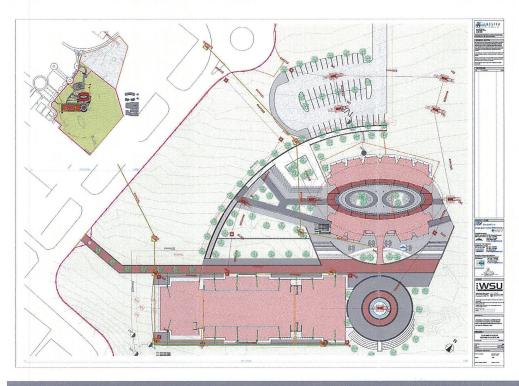
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## NEW PREMISES FOR THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES SOD-TURNING 24 MARCH 2014



Walter Sisulu University has commissioned the development of a new Health Sciences facility which is in close proximity to the existing Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital and Health Resource Centre. The Masterplan for the site has been designed to accommodate and educate two thousand medical Students.

Phase one includes initial Bulk Services infrastructure, Earthworks, Administration Building, Teaching Facility for 600 Students and a Gatehouse. Buildings are designed to be modern architecture which is true to its time, region and context with significant elegance. Facilities are designed to be occupant efficient and disabled friendly.

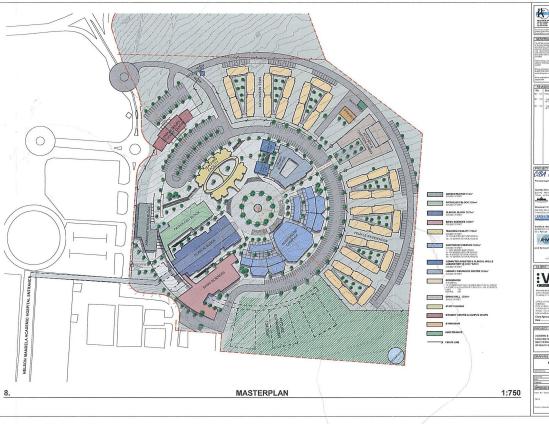
First phase buildings are adjacent to the central piazza which forms the central core of the campus. Paved walkways and ramps provide access routes, which together with landscaped terraces and street furniture, create an appealing student environment. Vehicle and pedestrian routes are separated to create a safe and harmonious environment.

Walter Sisulu University is a prestigious institution with prominent South African and International heritage. The new Health Sciences Faculty project aims to promote and uphold this legacy. The success lies in the careful and considerate planning to create a quality place for training and education.

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## **OUR VISION**

Walter Sisulu University (WSU) will be a leading African comprehensive university focusing on innovative educational, research and community partnership programmes that are responsive to local, regional, national development priorities, and cognisant of continental and international imperatives.

#### **OUR MISSION**

In pursuit of its vision as a developmental university, WSU will:

- Provide an educationally vibrant and enabling environment conducive to the advancement of quality academic, moral, cultural and technological learner-centred education for holistic intellectual empowerment, growth and effective use of information;
- Provide and maintain the highest possible standards in innovative learning and teaching, applied, basic and community-based research and community partnerships in cooperation with development agencies, the public and private sectors;
- Provide affordable, appropriate, career-focused and professional programmes that address rural development and urban renewal with primary emphasis on science, technology and development studies;
- Create a new generation of highly-skilled graduates capable of understanding and addressing complex societal challenges, with critical scholarly and entrepreneurial attributes grounded on morally sound work ethics and responsible leadership.

#### **CORE VALUES**

In pursuit of its Mission, WSU commits to the following values which are an affirmation of the eternal principles which will inform all dealings of the University:

#### **Academic Freedom**

In line with our vision and mission as an accountable institution, we acknowledge our right to exercise academic freedom in a responsible way, in teaching and learning, in research and in community service.

### Quality

We commit to institution-wide quality management, value and reward excellence and uphold and protect the integrity of the University.

#### **Access and Success**

We provide equitable access to higher and continuing education at all stages of adult life to students who have a potential to succeed.

#### Transformation

We are committed to addressing equity imperatives, diversity, and entrepreneurship and to democratic governance.

## **People Development**

We are committed to the optimum development of the human resources potential and leadership capacity of all staff.

### **Caring University**

We commit to mutual respect, ubuntu, humility, good citizenship, student centredness and endorse and uphold all principles of Batho Pele\*.

#### **Resource Consciousness**

We commit to utilising the University's resources prudently and responsibly at all times with a view to adding maximum value to the institution.

\*Batho Pele means People First:

Batho Pele is a set of principles adopted by the public service as part of their commitment to good service and customer care.

# **PROGRAMME**

Programme Director Prof SP Songca

Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic

Affairs & Research

Welcome Ms N Makwedini

Chief Executive Officer - Nelson Mandela Academic Hospital

Brief outline of the Project Professor K Mfenyana

Interim Vice-Chancellor and Principal

Administrator's Input Prof LR van Staden

Administrator

Introduction of the Honorable

Minister of Higher Education

and Training

Prof MM Jadezweni

Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Planning, Quality Assurance

& Development

Keynote Address Dr BE Nzimande, MP

The Honorable Minister of Higher

**Education and Training** 

Vote of Thanks Professor N Sokhele

Acting Executive Dean Faculty of Health Sciences

**GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY**