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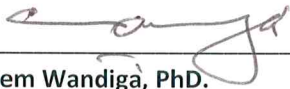
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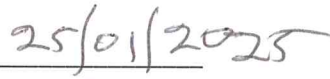
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DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this policy, unless the context otherwise states:

Author: A member of University Personnel or Student who creates Work;

Copyright: Legal right that gives the creator or owner of a creative work exclusive control over its use, duplication and distribution as soon as an author fixes the work in a tangible work of expression;

Moral rights: The rights of an entity to their authorship acknowledged and to be able to object to any derogatory actions relating to their work that may be prejudicial to their honour or reputation;

Predatory Journal: An exploitative open-access scholarly journal, published by for-profit-companies that charge publication fees to authors without providing editorial and publishing services associated with legitimate journals;

Scholarly Work: A copyrightable work created by any University Personnel as evidence of academic advancement or academic accomplishment;

Works: Any copyrightable resources, such as computer software or databases, diagrams and drawings, musical, dramatic and choreographic compositions, audio and visual, pictorial, graphic or printed material.

LIST OF ABBREVIATION AND ACRONYMS

For purposes of this policy, unless otherwise stated, the following abbreviations and acronyms shall apply:

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology (JOOUST) was established in 2009 as a Constituent College of Maseno University following which it was granted a charter to a full-fledged public university on the 13th February 2013. The University derives its mandate of teaching and learning, research and community outreach from the Universities Act 2012 and its Charter. Article 7 of the Act gives the functions of the University as; (a) “to provide for the integration of teaching, research and effective application of knowledge and skills to the life, work and welfare of citizens of Kenya; (b) “participate in scholarly work, the discovery, transmission, utilization, preservation and enhancement of knowledge”.

The university is committed to the development of a coherent and respected network of knowledge through sharing the outcomes of its research with the wider community, thereby maintaining its global visibility and local relevance.

1.1 Vision

The beacon of excellence in University Education.

1.2 Mission Statement

To provide quality education that nurtures creativity and innovation through integrated training, research and community outreach for sustainable development.

1.3 Philosophy

A holistic scholarship service to humanity through wisdom, science and technology.

1.4 Core Value

- Customer focus
- Impartiality
- Professionalism
- Responsiveness
- Integrity
- Meritocracy

1.5 Motto

Oasis of Knowledge.

2.0 THE POLICY

2.1 Purpose of the Policy

This policy outlines the framework for publication of scholarly work produced by members of staff, students and collaborators.

2.2 Policy Statement

The University commits to support and enhance academic and intellectual freedom, and to enhance the quality of publications.

2.3 Policy Objectives

The main objective of this policy is to:

- i) Provide a standardized framework for dissemination of research findings through publications;
- ii) Enhance publication profile through increased efficiency, effectiveness and internal capacity building.
- iii) Promote the University's mission, products and services.

2.4 Scope of the Policy

The Policy applies to all University staff, students and their collaborators.

2.5 Guiding Principles

2.5.1 *Authorship*

The University shall encourage collaboration between staff, students and partners towards quality publications according to established guidelines.

2.5.2 *Ethics and Integrity*

The University shall ensure adherence to ethical guidelines and best practices in publishing including respect for intellectual property rights and confidentiality.

2.5.3 *Professional Liability*

The University shall ensure that authors take responsibility for their publications.

2.5.4 *Capacity Building*

The University seeks to foster an academic environment where all its staff and students have a sufficiently clear understanding of rules and best practices regarding authorship, publication and the scholarly record to publish their work for a wider audience

2.5.4 *Compliance*

The University shall ensure that publications comply with the relevant laws, regulations, policies and industry standards

3.0 ARCHIVING OF PUBLISHED WORKS

- i) This policy shall ensure that all published works are compiled and archived in the library for records and reference.
- ii) A special collection shall be maintained on published works originating from staff, students, collaborators and partners in line with the University Library Policy 2024.
- iii) All published works shall comply with the Intellectual Property Rights Policy, Research and Development Policy, Knowledge Management Policy and Antiplagiarism Policy.

4.0 AWARENESS RAISING

The University shall:

- i) Promote awareness creation on suitable platforms with high-impact factors;
- ii) Provide guidelines on suitable publishers in line with the Research and Development Policy and Intellectual Rights Policy.

5.0 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The policy shall continually be monitored and evaluated for its effectiveness, performance and relevance

6.0 AMENDMENTS AND REVIEW

Any amendments to this policy shall be approved by the University Council. The policy shall be reviewed every three (3) years or as and when the need arises.

7.0 REFERENCES

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11. Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Cultural Expressions Act, 2016