

STUDENT ATTITUDES, EXPERIENCES AND EXPECTATIONS WHILE AT UNIVERSITY: A CASE STUDY OF MAKERERE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

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1 INTRODUCTION

In this study is about trying to investigate aspects of the the lifestyle, expectations and attitudes of first year undergraduates on a sample of their respective courses at the college of computing and informatics at Makerere University. The objectives of the project were to present a realistic withdrawal or failure, and identify the sort of student best practice which fosters success and which could form the basis of efforts to support students who are at risk of dropping out.

2 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY.

The plan for this research of Students attitudes, experiences and expectations arose out by my definite idea to find out how students are motivated or not while at the university depending on their way of life. I did not investigate any of the following matters in details because they are the subject of extensive work by other groups within the university (guidance tutoring, orientation and induction, recruitment and pre entry activities, student finance, part time employment, diversity issues. inevitably, however, many of them have arisen in passing.

3 STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM.

This study will try to find out how students are helped to meet their expectations before they leave the university. This will help to reduce on the number of drop outs .

4 RESEARCH QUESTIONS.

The following research questions guided the study: 1. Do students meet their financial dues? 2. Have you been helped if you have failed to meet the school dues ? 3. How do you find your stay at the university, are you progressing or not?

5 JUSTIFICATION OF THE STUDY.

It is hoped that the findings of this study will bridge the gap of drop outs in the institution . The findings of this study may also be useful to the policy makers in various sectors of the university(Makerere).

6 SCOPE OF THE STUDY.

The study seeks to find out the student attitudes ,experiences and expectations before leaving the university level more so students who have just joined the system.

7 FINDINGS.

Two ways I have seen study being helpful are:

1. I found out that very many students are motivated even before they join university. 2. Their people willing to help students who fail to meet their financial dues this encourages and drives the attitudes of the students to a positive side. Here are ways I have seen technology have a negative influence on youth:

1. Students are discouraged by the policies of the university take an example one fails to sit for exams because of a balance yet one would be allowed to do his or her papers and may be the transcript is retained. 2. Self esteem and confidence is lost among students , this leads to a negative attitude towards life.

8 Conclusions.

In conclusion, much is needed to be done by the education policies to overcome this situation among students and this will bring proper and well mind developed citizens.