

BRAIN STORMING: SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Question: How to make university education more sustainable?

- Better and Less number of students
 - Student quotas should be adjusted considering capacities of departments and future needs of country
 - Vocational guidance before university entrance exams
 - Successful students must be supported by scholarships
- **Better Campuses**
 - Campuses must be built near big cities
 - Must provide more opportunities for accommodation
 - Must have easy transport infrastructure (bike roads, shuttle services etc.)
 - Social buildings (shopping center, banks, post office, cafeterias etc.)
 - Eco-friendly campuses
- Qualified Academicians
 - Number of academic staff in departments must be increased so as to each academician can have less number of classes
 - “**Number of students per academic staff**” is key point
 - Dividing academicians as researchers and lecturers
 - Applying quotas for number of lectures per academician
- **Common curriculums** among the same departments
 - The same compulsory courses
 - Elective courses can be different but must have equal in credits
 - Easy student exchange programs
- More practical education
 - Theory and practice balance in education must be achieved
 - Students must participate in projects
 - **Techno cities** can provide opportunities for student to develop their own projects
 - Advancing in education with last year trainee programs
- **Justice** in every part of university education

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