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Crisis in Academia: Declining Student Interest in Universities

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Education plays a significant role in individuals' life. As it provides one with conscience to do what's better for them, so is the educational institutes.

The place where a student spends ~~one~~ this time of the day should be the one that engages students to believe in them and to work hard for their future, the platform is known as universities. Universities play an important role in student life as it helps student to groom themselves under best teachers and facilitation system.

But same also university is the same platform, when not provided good facilitation system, no engagement between student and teacher, focusing on old curriculum and does not provide placements results in declining interest of students in universities.

To begin with, Old curriculum universities still teaching old syllabus to students with same old method. Universities like Comsats, NUST and other private universities still teaching subjects like Islamiyat, sociology and other sciences subjects on old pattern with no relation to real world application of the subject which results in poor interest in these subjects and students does take those subject seriously and only pass them for the sake of degree.

Furthermore, Universities infrastructure speaks ~~most~~ ^{more} than the faculty tells us. Poor infrastructure makes student unbearable to study in that environment for example universities like Quaid-e-Azam and other government universities does not have basic facilities like Air conditioners, fans or even working lights, during summers students have to face difficulties, some of them get hospitalized because of unbearable weather.

On the other hand, placing water cooler in front of washroom doors make it unhygienic to even stand on that place and to drink water is not possible.

Moreover, Universities lack teacher student bond, teachers who are teaching are always recruited on contract so their main purpose is to complete syllabus then to cater student needs. Students are not even allowed to enter or knock on the door of their office for their queries and if they do so, teachers bully or insult them, which makes student not to come again at teacher's office. This creates a wider gap which results in no improvement in way of teaching and student's way of delivering in exams, as they consider it way of passing their degree without getting in trouble.

In addition, there is lack of practical applicability of syllabus or the major student choose. Teachers

Teaches the subject by merely completing their syllabus and not ~~in~~^s relating that subject to real life applicability. for example student studying business administration, in comsats or even NUST they ~~don't~~ don't know ^{the} practicality of the subject so when they complete their degree they are clueless to what to do with their degree as no one taught them or make them market suitable, & results in discouragement or hopelessness in student's life which make ~~it~~ them think better not to waste money in university when they don't ~~make~~ deliver market worthy professional.

Furthermore, Universities poor grading system is another drawback of lack of student's interest in universities. Number of students fails ^{too} because of poor grading system Universities like Comsats, NUST their 4 CGPA or A-grade comes on 95% and their

F-grade is on 70% . so
Student who are slow or
lack high IQ cannot
are unable to even achieve
70% marks in their semester
which makes it difficult
to pass even first semester
in university in comsats,
Students of Electrical engineering
starts to fail from the very
first semester getting 2.2 or
1.3 CGPA, which results
in either more semester
exceeding from 8 semesters to
12 semesters or they decide
to dropout out, similarly
in NUST university, those
having their clinical
degrees have to pass their
each semester with good
GPA to get a better
supervisor for their research
work which is distressing
for a lot of students and
eventually either they dropout
or it takes their life
blaming universities.

In addition, Universities
lack student facilitation
centers or if they have

them, they lack management. Student facilitation centers have only one job to do that is to cater student needs but either they make student do that job themselves or they delay that work for weeks or months which results in student getting frustrated and unable to focus on their studies.

Moreover, High fee structures is another major reason, why ⁸⁰⁰ students lack motivation to get admission in universities. High fee structures ~~make~~ ^{of} universities blocks the futures of those intelligent students who can't afford that much high fee which results in ~~these~~ ^{them} students getting ~~get~~ deprived of studying in good universities and wasting their lives in doing labour at some low paying market. Universities like Comsats or NUST in their first semester offers 1 lac 60 thousand basic fee which by 8th semester ~~went~~ strikes to 2 lac rupees which is not affordable for middle or low socio-

Economic Status.

Along with others, ^{poor} University environment is another reason. Students ~~don't get~~ are ^{you} reluctant to get admission in universities. Universities like Lums, NUST, Comsats Punjab University and their pop culture, ~~bad~~ late night events, drugs intake, ^Srelationships make the Students think twice to get into involved in kind of environment where one is unable to protect their morality and ~~some~~ conscience. ~~on the~~ on the other hand, Universities not keeping the check of their students and the events taking place in their institute is what makes it alarming for not only student but for their parents as well.

Furthermore, the lack of quality education, ~~where~~ is another burning factor which make it discouraging to get admissions in universities. Universities

focus on those subjects and events which will not be helpful in the future of a student. For example, student studying psychology or sociology they will not be engaged in productive internships or role plays but will be engaged in organising and making events successful as those duties are assigned by teachers to get their loads off, which make student question themselves and their degrees or choices as they are not serving the actual purpose on which they took admission for. For example, Universities like NIMS, their psychology department is still in doubt with their way of teaching as they do not provide the quality of education as they promote in their advertisements, by not giving placements or proper classroom structure for students which make it difficult to study in that environment and results in increase number of dropouts from the very first semester.

In addition to all the reasons provided previously, another alarming reason of declining an interest in universities is the student mindset of wasting money on 4 years of degree, then transit themselves towards business and invest all the money that would have spent on education will now help them flourish their business. As today's Gen Alpha is more interested in entrepreneurship than to study and waste their time on the degree, which will not have any applicability in the market. On the other hand, if student is already studying in university, when he sees, people of his age are getting jobs or starting their business, or flourishing in market and compare himself with them and his degree results in dropping out from universities.

Lastly, the major ~~reason~~ final nail in the coffin is the brain drain. Students who

suffers bully or insults from his seniors or teacher and experience favoritism of other teachers towards their selected students, make it sufferer leave university and go abroad for jobs and settle down there for better opportunities and facilities that would cater their needs.

As discussed earlier all the reasons for declining interest of students towards universities, there should be a way forward on which make students help develop interest in getting admissions in universities by improving basic facilities of universities for example installation of air conditioning system, fan and furniture of high quality which makes student study in summer without getting worried about it. Pakistani universities should learn from American and UK universities where they cater all the needs of students also they have made complain boxes if the and portals on which

Students can complain about anything or suggestion to improve further in which university is lacking, and an faculty take those suggestions seriously, to give their student top notch facilities to make them flourish.

Moreover, By updating curriculum and introducing modern syllabus in which there is less theoretical part and more practicality makes the students market suitable, as universities in abroad train students in such a way by giving placement and then after their degree they helps them start their first job in their own firm make it more market worthy results in more admissions in them and enhances students interest to study in universities.

Lastly, By creating job opportunities by government and facilitating the newly graduating students

by placing in firms, encourages
~~them to~~ ~~enroll in~~ universities.
With suitable qualification
and zero experiences encourages
students to enroll in universities
as after ending they will have
clear mind and ^{will be} market
worthy ~~and~~ for finding jobs
~~in the~~ in the firms to their
likings.

In conclusion, Crisis in Academics
can ~~as~~ only be solved if
educational institutes particularly
universities where student
spends or will be going to
spend his degree days
should be worthwhile spending
time and energy. As university
is the only platform where
a student have all the freedom
where he can do a lot of
mistakes and redo them to
become a better person when
he gets out of university. So,
university should reconsider their
way of delivering, that
encourages students to get
admission and become
a productive member of a
society.