

Topic

~~Crisis in Academia: Declining Student Interest in Universities~~

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The Essay

Start with a strong hook

Write thesis statement

Substantiate your argument

with evidence

Avoid grammatical mistakes

Properly follow the structure of body paragraph

Improve argument your argument are highlighting

problems of universities but

rephrase your point why students interest is declining

and creating crises

Teachers and facilitation

System. But same also University is the same platform, when

not provided good facilitation

systems, 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 etc 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 hospitalize 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 & get knock on the door, postbox on 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 students 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. at Teachers

Teachers the subject by merely completing their syllabus and not relating that subject to real life applicability. For example student studying business administration, in exams or even NUST they 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 wants them or make them market suitable, so results in discouragement or hopelessness in student's life which make 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 because of poor grading system of 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 achieve 70% marks in their semesters which makes it difficult to pass even first semester in university in consults, students of Electrical engineering starts to fail from the very first semester getting 2.2 or 1.3 CGPA, which results in either more semesters exceeding from 8 semesters to 12 semesters or they decides to dropout out, similarly in NUST university, those having their clinical degrees have to pass their each semester with $\geq 70\%$ CGPA to get a better supervisor for their research which is distressing for a lot of students and eventually either they dropout or do 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 students lack motivation to get admission in universities. High fee structures ~~make~~ of universities blocks the future of those intelligent students who can't afford that much high fee which results in ~~them~~ students getting 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 50 thousand basic fee which by 8th semester goes up to 2 lac rupees which is not affordable for middle or low socio-

Economic Status.

Along with others, a ^{Poor} University environment is another reason. Students ~~don't~~ ^{90%} are reluctant to get admission in universities. Universities like Lums, NUST, Comsats, Punjab University and their pop culture, bridge, late night events, drug's intake, relationships make the students think twice to get into involved in kind of environment where one is unable to protect their morality and ~~sense~~ conscience. ~~etc~~ 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 helpfull 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 engage in organising and making events successful as those duties are assigned by teachers to get their loads of, 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 NUMS, their psychology department is still in doubt with their ways 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 for declining interest in universities is the student mindset of wasting money on 4 years of degree, they transit themselves towards business and invest all the money that would have been spent on education will not 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 for final nail in the coffin is the brain drain. Students who

suffers bully or insults from his seniors or teachers and experience favoritism of other teachers towards their selected students, make it sufferor leave university and go abroad for jobs and settledown their 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 helps develop interest in getting admissions in universities, by improving basic facilities of universities for example installation 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 portab on which

Students can complain about anything or suggestion to improve further in which university is lacking, and faculty take those suggestions seriously, to give this 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 firms make them more market worthy results in more admissions in their 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 enter into 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.

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In conclusion, crisis in Academics can only be solved if educational institutes particularly universities where student spends or will be going to spend his degree ^{days} should be worth the 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.