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ABSTRACT

This research study attempts to identify the student absenteeism as the main determinant of student performance and in their learning process particularly for student in Diploma in Public Administration semester December 2008-April 2009. The hypothesis for this research is based on the rational of the students whereby they required filling in the questionnaire distributed by the researches. The primary and secondary data were used to collect and gathering information. The primary data such as a survey questionnaire set was used to gather data from 75 students studying in Part 5 in Diploma in Public Administration course semester December 2008-April 2009, the secondary data such as articles and journals become the researchers' important sources to relate the views of students in Diploma in Public Administration course regarding the student performance. The data were analyzed with table of frequency and percentage by using the SPSS 12 package. Based on the findings, it is found out that student absenteeism has relationship with the learning process of the student and their academic performance. In the research also, shown that the students in UiTM rate their level of academic performance as high as they feels that they are motivated studying there

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION OF STUDY

1.1 INTRODUCTION

According to Macmillan English Dictionary, absenteeism is the habit of not being at school or university or work when you should be and usually without a good reason. In other words, the person who is expected to be in place or at an event but does not go in that place. In our study, we are focusing on the absenteeism among the university's student or undergraduate's student.

In the university, we can see this problem become a serious matter that most of the lecturers do not know how to cope with this problem. The students prefer to go some where or stay in their room rather attending the classes. As mentioned above, it is without good reason. Any illnesses or any urgent matters which are considered as relevant are not absenteeism.

Absenteeism is considered as a serious matter because it is closely related with the student's performance and their achievement in the class. This matter also will become worse to the particular student who involves in absenteeism during their study because it will be affected their future occupational success. What have been found by Birman & NatrieUo (1978) is that it can be occurred if the institution prevents the student from obtaining the credentials which is due to the student absenteeism and disciplinary problems.

Therefore, as purpose of this research, we are trying to identify the actual reasons or factors that contributes to the absenteeism among the students especially the Part 5 students from Diploma in Public Administration in UiTM Samarahan Campus for semester December 2008 – April 2009.