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**THE STUDY OF THE LACK OF  
INVOLVEMENT OF DIPLOMA STUDENTS IN  
STUDENT BODIES\* ACTIVITIES**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Our research proposal started on the second week of June in our fifth semester as Diploma in Public Administration (DPA) students. In initial part, we form our group from five members. After forming the group, we held meetings to discuss on matters of the scope of topic that are needed to be completed with all group members, so that the real topic can be selected from the overall topics given. These are the chapter outlines to be presented in our research project.

Chapter one is the introduction that will inform the readers of our research. It includes the background of our study, hypothesis and significance of the study.

Chapter two is the literature review. It includes information that is related to the topic of this study. We will familiarize the readers with the factors that make students get involved in activities, benefits and weaknesses from the activities, factors that hinder the student to participate and the strategies on how to improve on it. This research will be based on the adaptations and summarizations from information available such as through articles and through the electronic media written by other researchers.

Chapter three is the research methodology. It explains the methods used in order to get and gather the information for our research, research instrument, data collection, pilot test and data analysis. The data analysis explains how we analyse the data information gathered from various methods. Amongst these methods are through questionnaires, references from the library and through the Internet.

Chapter four includes the limitations of the study and proposed findings. Limitations of the study states the problem that hinders us in getting information, while the proposed findings basically highlights the expectations of our study.

Chapter five is the last chapter where all our suggestions related to the topic of research are listed down. The suggestions given may be useful to related people to encourage them in participating in the activities organized by student bodies.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 BACKGROUND OF STUDY**

A university, seen as an institute of higher learning functions more a venue to seek education but a lot more than that. In the task of organizing activities, which are not that very education oriented, are the student bodies. These student bodies exist in every faculty of every course and aims to cater to all the needs of the students of their respective faculties in many ways as a mediator between students and lecturers and the administrators of the University by relaying essential complaints that students may not have the courage to bring forward to the administrators in person, as well as in terms of healthy fun and recreation and as a source of motivation channelled in a very much different way rather than the normal classroom method. Student bodies group these students together in a big amount of which the activities they organize involve the participation of each and every student in order to make it a success. At this very moment, it is seen that there is a somewhat 'lukewarm' response to the students rate of participating which appears to be rather disappointing. These students are unaware that the activities that are organized by there student bodies will help equip them with sufficient knowledge for the future, with capabilities to be able to be a leader one day and able to organize events in the near future. Participating in activities organized by these student bodies will enable a student to be active in sports, education and able to socialize well with their peers. Student bodies also exist to take these students away from the daily pressure of studying and by teaching these students the importance of time management as these students must possess such skills in order to be active in both academic as well actively take part in activities organized by student bodies. Failure in time management can be disastrous as these students may not be able to strike a balance between both activities and tend to be one sided. Finally, without a doubt, there are many benefits that can be gained by participating in the activities organized by student bodies. These benefits may not be visible as for now, but eventually when a

## **2.0 LITERATURE REVIEW**

### **Introduction**

In terms of activities that are organized by student bodies in the context of student bodies of respective courses in UiTM Samarahan Campus are usually activities that are related to **sports, academic and social**.

Sports refer to activities which that is usually done for pleasure and requires physical effort or skill. Student bodies in UiTM Samarahan usually organize such sporting activities in the form of competitions or tournaments of which it may involve only members of the faculty which are only within the faculty, against other faculties (inter-faculty) or even between other institutions (inter-varsity). Students who are active in sports are prone to take part in such competitions, which also helps to promote the reputation of the student body, the faculty as well as the university. Examples of the sporting activities held are usually football, street soccer, netball, hockey, tennis, badminton as well as track events such as sprinting and so on. On occasion, tournaments are also held in karate clubs, taekwondo as well as silat. This helps in many ways as the students are integrated when are grouped together to compete with each other, cooperate with each other in team sports as well as when students who watch such sporting activities sit in groups to support their respective faculties. In some occasions, even lecturers and administrators take part, which makes it all the more interesting and tends to encourage more participation amongst the students.

Next in academic activities, it tends to attract less participants even when it is seen that academic activities which are organized aims at bringing more advantages to the students are they act as a form of motivation and guidelines to success. Such activities are related to career counselling, self- improvement, study tips, public speaking and so on. Usually when speakers are invited from