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POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT OF STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION IN UiTM SARAWAK

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Abstract

Association is established in each faculty in the most of university. It is group of student's body that enables the planning of activities being conducted for the students. The study will try to find out what is the system that being used by association in University Teknologi Mara in Samarahan Campus in order to select the committee members of the association. Not only that, this study will identify the factor that being evaluated as to become one of the committee members for the association in UiTM. Thus, the need to have a system to be used by every association established in UiTM Sarawak is important so that it can help the involvement of the students in the non-academic activities and programs can be increased and the vision to produced 21 criteria of graduates by UiTM can also be achieved.

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.0 Introduction

This chapter focuses the background of the study which is regarding the trends of selection of students association. It also emphasizes on the selection method that being used by the association to select new committee member. Section 1.1 discusses on the background of the study, Section 1.2 explains the problem statement and section 1.3 states the research question. Section 1.4 on the other hand states the research objectives and section 1.5 is on the information regarding the scope of the study. In addition, section 1.6 explains the significant of study and lastly section 1.7 is all about the definition of terms and concepts.

1.1 Background of the study

This study investigates the ways on how the students association select the committee member. The focal point will be on the students awareness in making their decision in selecting the new committee member. The manner in which the committee member was selected is based on several method either being appointed, elected or volunteer. Students association may face difficulties in choosing the new committee member because they are tends to have a large number of students with different semester and so on. Thus, as matured students, they need to figure out how to choose an appropriate method to select the committee members for their own faculty. By hook or by crook, this is also for their own benefits because the association is one of the sources that they can contribute something and gain knowledge from the activities that being organize for their co-curricular beside focus on their academics.

Some of the majority of the association, they are tends to use volunteer method as to become the committee members of the association. However, there is also some of the association would prefer to use like an election method where they are having candidates and they need to vote for the candidates that they preferred. Meanwhile, there is seldom association which use a specific qualification as for the credits on being committee members. For example, from their Current Pointer or grades which makes them qualified to become a committee member of the association.

This research studies is important because the students should know how their association choose the committee effectively and what are the reason from the selection.

Chapter 2 Literature Review

2.1 Introduction

The claim that pairs of democracies are less likely to come into armed conflict with one another than the average pair of states is widely accepted in international relations. While there may be other explanations for the absence of conflict amongst Western states, such as the adoption of liberal economic policies and membership in international governmental organizations, most scholars believe that democracy itself is an important force for peace.

One reason that scholars remain skeptical of attempts to dispute the empirical association between democracy and peace is that the theoretical explanations for why democracies ought to be less conflict prone have proven quite fruitful, with many of their additional observable implications having been supported. The Vanhanen (1990) index defines democracy in terms of two vectors – the level of competition, in terms of number of parties, and the level of participation, in terms of turnout. Freedom House (2007) provides yearly measures of political rights and civil liberties since 1970. Finally, Przeworski et. al. (2000) utilize a binary measure of democracy from 1950 to 1990, *ACLP Regime Type*, indicating whether the party of power can lose office through elections. A score of 1 indicates authoritarian governance, and 0 indicates competitive elections. The inclusion of these alternative measures should reassure the reader that the findings are not overly influenced by the choice of measure, and will provide some interesting insights that will be developed below.

The Committee is particularly keen to hear from Members who have had either particularly bad or particularly good experiences under the current system of selecting Members to serve on General Committees.