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ABSTRACT

This research is about the political awareness among the Uitm students. From the analysis that we have done, we realized that Uitm students are not really know about the political situation in their country. They also do not have the political awareness among themselves. We have deals with our research proposal since we are in Part 5 for intake June2004-October 2004 until we are in Part 6 for intake November 2004-April 2005. Our proposal contains 5 Chapter which also included the recommendation, bibliography, appendix, Gantt chart and also budget estimation. The first chapter in our proposal are about the introduction which it contains the background, scope, objective and hypothesis. The second chapter about the literature review which it support out research and also as our references. The third chapters are about the research methodology that we used to analyze the data that we have collected. The fourth chapters are about the data analysis and the finding for our research. From here we get the final result for the research. The last chapters are about the conclusion and also the recommendation in dealing with the student awareness regarding the politics. As a conclusion, we hoped that our research proposal will give the information about the political awareness among the Uitm students.

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2.1 INTRODUCTION

Politics is an activity which involved in getting and using power in public life and being able to influence decision that affect a country and a society. Nowadays the IPT students did not give a good response towards the politics. This problem includes the UiTM students. They are not interested to get involved in the political matters as they are not being exposed generally. Political awareness did not exist among the UiTM students due to their perceptions that only politicians have to be more concern about the political matters.

Furthermore most of the students which are not eligible to vote during the elections day is the one of the main causes which leads them to have no intention to get involved in the politics. Moreover, our UiTM goals and regulations itself; fixed that the students are not allowed to participate in the political matters as long they are still upholding the name of UiTM students. But they can get involved among them; for example during the election to select the representatives that will present their needs and interests, such as MPP, MASPENA, KEJURA and others. But still the students are not interested with it, only certain students will response to it because the others think it is not important to them. In other words, the students were not alert about what had happen around them. For example; almost of the UiTM students do not recognize their own Ministers in Malaysia.

3.1 LITERATURE REVIEW

3.1.1 Introduction

As the topic is about the political awareness among the UiTM students, we have to take into consideration several facts.

First of all we should know what is defined by politics. Politics can also be considered an activity which involved in getting and using power in public life and being able to influence decision that affect a country or a society. Awareness can be defined as having the knowledge or understanding.

Student's interference to the politics

Political awareness among entering college students rose for the third year in a row, to the highest level since 1994, according to a key measure of freshman attitudes.

In a survey of 276,449 first-year students at 413 colleges and universities, 33.9 percent felt that keeping up to date with political affairs was a very important or essential life goal, up from 32.9 percent last year and the record low of 28.1 percent in 2000. And 20.1 percent of freshmen considered influencing the political structure an essential life goal, compared with 19.6 percent last year and 17.1 percent in 1999, the lowest ever in the survey, which began in 1966. **(Students**