

Factors Affecting the Decline in Enrolment of the Education Courses in GSC as Perceived By the Students

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Abstract

This study aimed to find out the factors affecting the decline in enrolment of the Education courses in GSC as perceived by the students during the first semester SY 2006-2007 and sought to answer the following questions:

1. What is the socio-economic status of the respondents;
2. What are the BS degree courses offered at GSC;
3. What is the perception of the students on the employability of their chosen course;
4. What are the available instructional facilities in GSC?

This study focused on the declining enrolment of the Education courses in GSC and the factors which affected such decline during the first semester, SY 2006-2007. The study made use of descriptive design. The respondents of this study were the selected students from first year to fourth year in all courses offered in GSC. The result of the sampling revealed that out of 730 total populations in GSC, there were 258 students who were chosen to be the respondents of the study. On the actual interview, only 240 respondents returned the answered questionnaires. The questionnaire was distributed to the respondents and was collected after they have finished answering it. The statistical tools used were frequency count and percentages. The findings were as follows:

Of the 240 respondents, 135 or 56.25% have the family income of below Php5,000.00 monthly. As to the number of siblings, 123 or 51.25% of the respondents have four to six siblings. Those in school 198 or 44.48% have their siblings in college which comprised 129 or 29.12%; in high school, 105 or 23.70%; in elementary and 11 or 2.48%. As to the educational attainment of the respondents' parents 129 or 53.75% of the respondents stated that their mothers reached high school while. 104 or 43.33% of their fathers have reached high school level. As to the respondents' housing information, 168 or 70% have the permanent type of houses. There were 214 or 89.17% of the respondents owned television sets. As to the occupation of the respondents' parents, 164 or 68.33% of their mothers are housekeepers and 63 or 26.25% of their fathers were farmers.

The BS degree courses offered at GSC are: Bachelor of Science in Hotel and Restaurant Management (BSHRM), Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology (BSIT), Bachelor of Science in business Administration (BSBA) or Bachelor of Science in Commerce (BSC), Bachelor of Science in Information Technology (BS Info Tech), Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED), and Education Bachelor of Elementary (BEED).

As to the perceptions of the respondents on the employability of their chosen courses, 145 or 60.42% answered yes that they perceived that they will be able to land a job after graduation.

Results of the study showed that 163 or 67.92% answered yes that the classrooms in GSC can accommodate 30-35 students per meeting. There were 138 or 57.5% who answered yes that the rooms are well-lighted, 119 or 49.58% that the classrooms are well ventilated, 119 or 49.58% answered yes that there are enough laboratories for courses having laboratory subjects; 136 or 56.67% said yes that laboratories are equipped with instruments and facilities necessary for learning; 106 or 44.17% said that the library have computers and internet access to provide on-line research for the students, 156 or 65% said that the school provided canopied and paved pathways for the students when transferring from one building to another; 157 or 65.42% answered Yes that the school provide enough study shed for the students.

In view of the findings of the study, the researcher drew the following conclusions:

That majority of the respondents (56.25%) have the family income below Php5, 000.00 monthly. Fifty one (51.25%) of the respondents has the biggest number of the siblings ranging from four to six. Majority of the respondents' siblings (44.48%) were in college. Most of the respondents' parents were able to reach high school; 43.33% for the mother and 53.75% for the father. Reached high school level Seventy percent (70%) of the respondents have a permanent type of house and 89.17% owned the houses where they lived. Most of the families (77.92%) have television sets in their houses. The percentage of mother's whose occupation was housekeeper was 68.33% while for father's as farmer was 26.25%. That the offering of additional BS degree courses namely BS Commerce and BS Info Tech affected the decline in enrolment of Education courses.

Majority of the respondents (77.08%) liked their course, 70.42% decided to choose their own course, 60.42% thought they will be able to land a job after they have graduated in their chosen course.

Based on the results of the study, 57.50% of the respondents answered that GSC provide well-lighted rooms, 49.58% answered that the school provide armchairs for writing, 34.58% answered that the classrooms have not enough ventilation 14.58% answered that GSC have enough laboratories for laboratory subjects, 44.17% answered that the library have not enough supply of books, 73.33% answered that the library have computers and internet access for the students to do the research 65% answered that the school provide canopied and pave pathways when transferring from one building to another and 65.42% answered that the school provide enough study shed for the students.

For those who have the monthly income and below Php5,000.00, it is recommended that they should work hard and look for other means to provide the needs of the family especially those family members who are in school; for the parents to adopt a family planning method to lessen the number of children and to supply the children with their needs; for the administration to strengthen follow-up services of the facilities in school particularly the library; likewise school should provide quality classroom which should include proper ventilation, air conditioning and sufficient laboratory equipment to provide conducive atmosphere for learning.