

Academic Cheating In Higher Education The Effect of A Student Development Approach A Study At Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

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Abstract: Faculty, students, and administrators are the most important concerns regard to academic dishonesty concern in higher education. The research aims to provide a proper knowledge about the problem and also methods for the solution. Dr. William Kibler (1992) provided a Framework for solving academic Dishonesty in higher education. A student development Perspective was used for the aim of his study. Kibler deployed a student development perspective instead of other common method called behavioral approach. His study aimed to discover the survival of academic dishonesty in higher education. It also aimed to determine the institutions knowledge about developmental approach application to tackle this concern. This study aims to find the level of existence of an academic dishonesty in higher education environments (eg. universiti teknologi Malaysia).

Keywords -Academic Dishonesty, Student Development, Higher Education, Education Environment

I. Introduction And Background

Faculty and students are encountered to academic dishonesty in today's academic environments like colleges and universities (May & Loyd, 1993). It can also be extracted from May and Loyd study that the high level of academic dishonesty has motivated extra research. Additional studies should be done in order to achieve improved knowledge aligned with the reason of academic dishonesty. These studies can lead to methods preventing this problem. Academic dishonesty Goal of higher education can be affected by academic dishonesty. It can also cause challenges to knowledge pursuit (Lambert, Hogan, & Barton, 2003). This study aims to find the level of existence of an academic dishonesty in higher education environments. This study is a regeneration of William Kibler study in 1992. Institutions' policies were reconsidered to control incidents of academic dishonesty. The research was done using a survey on previous and present done on this topic. It includes honor code systems' basic components made to conflict academic dishonesty. An assessment on a student development approach impacts was also done to tackle higher education academic dishonesty. A comparison was made between data achieved by this study.

1.1 Research Background

Lack of academic integrity is implied by the academic dishonesty existence (Altbach, 2004). A tradition recommitting including integrity and honor is necessary for American higher education institutions McCabe and Trevino (2002). Altbach defines the lack of integrity resulting from the pressure imposed to academic institutions in order to supply identical admission for students during students' degree programs completing session. Scope of education is comprised by Academic dishonesty. It also impacts honest students and passionate faculties about teaching and learning (Lambert et al., 2003).

A communication approach about cheating long-term effects of plagiarism should be deployed to notify students. honoring truth importance should also be alarmed. Integrity should also be maintained by students' understanding and participating in activities Moore (2002). Lipson (2004) count three principles of academic honesty as follows:

[a] Tell you have done the work if it has actually been done by you

[b] Cite someone works if you have used it

[c] Present research materials fairly and truthfully.

all classes, labs, papers, and exams should deploy these principles. They are very simple and easy to learn. Using these principles eradicate many academic dishonesty infractions (Lipson, 2004).

Academic dishonesty efforts can be expanded by world wide web accessible for all students. Many students consider this type of treachery true Houghton and Heberling (2006). They consider Internet as a secondary source of knowledge to be deployed at their discretion (Houghton & Heberling).

Institutions make honor codes as an approach to guarantee academic integrity (Lipson, 2004). A pledge sign accepting to do truthful work, observe classmates, and account violations is needed for an usual honor code (Lipson). The difference in honor code schools is students' responsibility feeling to preserve and endorse high standards and integrity. Honor provides an important effect on participating campuses. It indicates the likelihood of producing positive results made by efforts to decrease academic dishonesty (McCabe & Trevino, 2002).

II. Objectives, Problem Statements

2.1 Problem Statement

Higher education academic dishonesty is the problem investigated by this study. Students can be engaged in academic dishonesty activities by using of increasing avenues. Programs and policies considered to decrease academic dishonesty were reviewed by this study.

2.2 Goal of the Study

Goals of the study are classified as follows:

- (a) Recognize and explain present activities deployed in higher education to tackle academic dishonesty
- (b) Establish and assess the designed programs extent to be developmental, and
- (c) Evaluate the judicial officers' views concerning academic dishonesty programs usage and developmental practices in nature.

III. Literature review

A comprehensive review on the available literature offered critical information on the background of this research. Main spotlight areas can be determined by a survey in the available literature. Policies concerning about institutions containing student rights, disciplinary sanctions, and due-process procedures are critical for a campus climate development that promotes academic integrity. Judicial officers are influential to guide the judicial procedure in a reasonable and neutral approach. Enforcement of disciplinary policies can be strengthened by the aim of faculty collaboration. Internal personal issues and external situational conditions account for the primary reasons that students violate academic dishonesty policies violation done by the students can be related to both personal internal and external situational condition. A lot of varied causes were offered; even if research does not offer a specific rationale showing academic dishonesty act engagement by students.

Students can entrust academic dishonesty by extra chances provided by technology. Plagiarisms can be detected by the resources available for the faculties. Academic integrity promotion can be enhanced by faculty participation. This concern can be solved by the guidelines provided for the faculties. An integrity climate on college campuses can be established by honor codes mentioned before by the faculties. Private colleges still deploy Traditional honor codes due to severe requirements of them. Student participation can be commanded by modified honor codes. They can be managed comparing to traditional honor code. Academic and behavior actions of students can be explained by students' development theory. Information extracted from them is helpful in academic dishonesty addressing. A educational component will be provided to a judicial process using a developmental approach.

IV. Methodology And Research Design

A survey approach is used for the aim of this study. A research based on a survey method offers a methodical tool to explain tendency, approach, or views of a specific inhabitants by the aim of data achieved from them (Creswell, 2003). Questionnaires are used to measure a particular topic interest among the selected population (Martella, Nelson, & Marchand-Martella, 1999). The questionnaires should be designed efficiently to collect essential responses. Martella et al. (1999) Dr. William Kibler (1992) research results were replicated on academic dishonesty by this study.

4.1 Research questions

as created by Kibler, mentioned in this study comprise

1. Are there policies deployed by institutions of higher education preventing academic Dishonesty?
2. Can academic dishonesty be properly addressed from a student development viewpoint?
3. Is there any program for promoting academic integrity for institutions of higher education aim to exclude academic dishonesty?
4. How programs' component tackle academic dishonesty from a student point of view?
5. What obstacles can be deployed for institutions of higher education to respond to students academic dishonesty found guilty?
6. What obstacles are really forced by the organizations regard to students' academic dishonesty found guilty?
7. Are the obstacles considered in reaction to academic dishonesty comprise student development interferences?
8. Respondent recommend

The aim of this study is to collect precise and present data concerning academic dishonesty topic. Kibler (1992) study replication showed present academic dishonesty activities existing in higher educational institutions, containing programs and policies. An evaluation was conducted to settle on development approach incorporation of programs and practices.

4.2 Research Design

A survey based study deploys questions or interviews for the aim of data collection (Gall, Gall, & Borg, 2003). A questionnaire based study was conducted in order to the data collection of this study. A descriptive statistics approach was deployed in order to analyze the collected data precisely. Study research questions were answered with the aim of this research design.

4.3 Sample Selection

This study deployed the students of university technology Malaysia as the population who will be surveyed to provide current data to respond to the research questions.

4.4 Data Analysis Procedures

Data extracted from completed questionnaire was investigated for the purpose of reporting. Following information is compiled:

1. Total number of respondents
2. Number of technical institutions
3. Number of social institutions
4. Number of community colleges
5. Response rate
6. Percentage of respondents
7. Percentage of non respondents

Each research question was investigated for the aim of results reporting. Each question provided a detailed explanatory finding report.

V. Results

After collecting the research question papers from three faculties, Consequently, the following results brought out.

1. Total number of respondents : 300 STUDENT
2. Number of technical institutions: 1
3. Number of social institutions: 1
4. Number of community colleges: 1
6. Percentage of respondents: 89 PERCENT
7. Percentage of non respondents: 9 PERCENT

In below we located some students responses to the questionnaire from three faculty .

IBS (international business school)

- 1- Yes, certainly
- 2- It depend on the implementation of those policies
- 3- Yes, but they are not transparent for almost all students
- 4- They are very narrow that show academic dishonesty
- 5- Failing
- 6- To refuse from some subjects
- 7- So much
- 8- It is great and unique

FKA (faculty of civil engineering)

- 1- Most of the universities have policies on the academic dishonesty
- 2- they address academic dishonesty obviously
- 3- Most universities /institutions have some program for this purpose
- 4- So much
- 5- Failing
- 6- They will prohibit students from study and paying fine also.
- 7- Not So much
- 8- It helps university authorities to promote their policies

FS (faculty of science)

- 1- Yes, every institution has the policies on prohibiting academic dishonesty
- 2- It depends on university
- 3- Yes, they have
- 4- Not so much
- 5- Failing
- 6- Refusing

7- Some institutions and universities perform strict rules and some are not.

8- It is practical and useful for every university

Discussion on the finding

After collecting the research question papers from three faculties, responses came together and analyzed one by one. Consequently, the following results brought out.

1- Almost all of the students specified toughly that institutions of higher education have policies in order to prohibit academic dishonesty.

2- Even though institutions address academic dishonesty, nevertheless effective implementation depends on institution or university strategies.

3- All students reach agreement each institution has some program for this purpose, but they are not transparent for almost all students.

4- Components of academic dishonesty program at institutions about student development was measured from not so much to so much.

5- Most of the students believe “to fail” is the only tactic that most institution uses in response to students’ academic dishonesty.

6- They identified institution often put on “to refuse, to forbid from some subject and to pay fine as reaction to academic dishonesty.

7- They believe sanctions used by the institutions in reaction to academic dishonesty has not much constitute in student development

8- They expressed the article is practical and valuable for every organization or university.

IV. Conclusion

As a result, academic dishonesty procedures are applied and worthy, but then some institutions do not pay attention seriously. Application of these strategies performance a significant starring role in promoting quality of academic productions and motivating researchers. Besides, it draws a vibrant pathway for future educational activities.

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