

ABSTRACT

Title of Research Paper : Students' Opinion on Education Management of the
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The purpose of the study was twofold : to elicit the students' opinions about the educational management, and secondly, to identify the factors affecting their opinions. The data were collected from 310 students of Ratchamongkol Institute of Technology who attended the high vocational certificate program and the Bachelor's degree program in the 2001 academic year. The findings were briefly stated as follows :

1. The students' opinion was found to be highly positive. A rather positive opinion was found in relationship among the students, instruction, student activities and administration. On the other hand, student service and buildings were found to receive a rather negative opinion.

2. The factors found to significantly affect the students' opinion about the educational management of Ratchamongkol Institute of Technology at the 0.05 level were age, study year level and working one's way through college. On the contrary, sex, hometown, economic status, the department in which one was studying, realizing the benefit of participating in extra-curriculum activities and seeing the importance of making friends with fellow college students were found to have no significant relationship with the educational management.

The following recommendations were made :

1. **Buildings** The classroom buildings should be improved. The administrator should find a budget for this. All the rooms in the buildings should be cleaned: toilets, classrooms and workrooms, for example. The number of classrooms, the chairs in the canteen and the seats in The student lounge should be increased. Besides, a gymnasium should be built. The front part and the ground floor of building 4 should be managed for student use.

2. **Student service** The administrators should find a budget to purchase enough books and other publications for the library. Drinking water should be available at the canteen and on each floor of classroom buildings. On campus, news should be announced on air and bulletin boards should be installed in different buildings. Moreover, the registration service officers should be trained to be responsible for their duty and more convenience should be provided in the registration process.

3. **Instruction** The administrators should allocate a budget to purchase enough instructional aids, facilities and equipment for classrooms and workrooms. A survey should be conducted each year to find out what the instructors need to facilitate their teaching. Also, the teaching evaluation system should be set for the students to evaluate the instructors' performance in each semester. The outcome should be used to improve the instruction.

4. **Student activities** The students should have an opportunity to set the policy and activities to be carried out each year so as to serve their needs and to allocate budgets appropriately. The faculty and staff related to student activities should undergo training to have a better understanding and see the importance of such activity. A room equipped with necessary office facilities should be provided for the student club.

5. **Administration** The students should be given an opportunity to express their views about the campus management that affects them, such as rules and regulations, etc.