

Title : **Students' Activities and their Involvement of Suranaree University of Technology, 1999**

Author : **Asst. Prof. Capt. Dr. Kontorn Chamniprasart and Other**

Publish : **2000**

Source : **Institutional Research Project Financially Supported by Suranaree University of Technology**

ABSTRACT

The main objectives of this institutional research are (1) to study the scope of students' activities at Suranaree University of Technology (SUT) in comparison with the standard criteria set by Ministry of University Affairs (MUA), (2) to study students' participation in the university activities, (3) to find out whether the current amount of activities satisfies the students' needs and interests, (4) to find out whether the current amount of activities is sufficient for the students, and (5) to find out the benefits that the students gain from participating in the activities.

The analysis of the data is separated into 3 parts. The first part is to analyze whether the SUT activities correspond to the standard criteria of the students' activities set by MUA in the year of 1998 by using the data from documents and operation results of the Division of Student Affairs. The second part is to analyze the students' participation, the activities that serve the students' needs and interests, the sufficiency of the activities for the students and the benefits of the students who participate in the activities. The data were collected from the questionnaires answered by about 660 undergraduate students (about 15% of the total number of students at SUT). The third part is the summary of the concept and the benefits gained by the students from participating in the activities. The information was received from the students who participated in the group discussion of student activists in the academic year of 1999.

The brief results of the research are as follows:

1. In the academic year of 1999, the activities held by SUT met the criteria of the MUA in terms of work objectives, types of student activities, and administration of student activities.
2. In the academic year of 1999, the data from the 550 students who answered the questionnaires showed that the students' opportunities in participating in the activities were in average level (mean = 2.91, S.D. = 0.83.) and the opportunities in giving the

ideas of activities and the opportunities in becoming working bodies were in low levels (mean =2.27, S.D.=1.00, and mean = 2.18, S.D. = 1.05, respectively)

3. In the academic year of 1999, the activities held by the university suited the students' needs and interests in average level (mean = 3.00, S.D. = 0.74.)
4. In the academic year of 1999, the amount of the activities held by the university was averagely enough for the students (mean = 3.01, S.D. = 0.81.)
5. In the academic year of 1999, the benefits that the students received from participating in the university activities are (1) recreation, (2) experience and knowledge, (3) social action and (4) self and social development. The research showed that all the benefits students received were in the high level with mean of 3.69, 3.58, 3.57 and 3.56 as well as with S.D. of 0.63, 0.93, 0.92 and 0.91 respectively.