

Abstract

Title : **The Survey of Satisfaction of external research funding organizations to Researchers and Research Outputs of Suranaree University of Technology (2006)**

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This research has aimed at studying the satisfaction of the external research fund sources with Suranaree University of Technology (SUT); SUT's researchers and SUT's research works. The samples were personnel working for 27 organizations which provided research funds for SUT during the fiscal years 2003-2006. The data were obtained through survey and interviews. The descriptive statistics including frequency, percentage, mean and standard deviation were used. The data were also reported qualitatively.

The results reveal regarding the researchers, the fund providers reported that the researchers were capable of researching, creating new body of knowledge with new techniques. Besides, the researchers were determined, responsible and punctual. However, it was found that very few researchers did not have experiences directly related to their research projects, project management, or the point of the research project including the late submission of the research report.

With regard to the research works, the fund providers reported that the research works were of high quality regarding the research methodology. They were also updated. The research works were of little values regarding developing the organizations, solving the managerial and personnel problems; creating value-added; developing society or proposing the national policies; improving academic strength or publicizing the organizations. However, it was found that very few sophisticated research methodologies were employed. There were very few projects collaborating with local agencies. Some researchers had problems with writing research reports with some hidden agendas.

The overall satisfaction of the fund providers was at the medium level. The satisfaction with the University and SUT's researchers was at the high level while with the research works was at the medium level.