

Students Welfare and Support

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Background

- Students constitute a significant stakeholder in the University system
- Their welfare is important
- May need support from time to time in order to learn and acquire intellectual
- University serves as the in-loco parents
- Universities not serious with students welfare usually experience students unrest

Components of students welfare

- Health services
- Accommodation
- Transportation
- Cafeteria services
- Sports/games
- Recreational programmes and facilities
- Banking/shopping facilities
- Welfare of international students
- Special : creche, disable care etc

Health

- Access to good quality health services
 - Primary care/ secondary/tertiary care
 - Curative/preventive/rehabilitative etc
- Usually starts with pre-admission medical tests
- Periodic medical tests every 2-3 years
- Health record at the UHS
- Emergency medical care services etc

Accommodation, transportation

Accommodation

- Should not be far from school
- Adequate facilities
- Guardian scheme
- Overseeing off campus accommodation
- Security

Transportation

- Movements
- Affordable

Cafeteria

- Food: right time, right quality and quantity is important
- Building cafeteria or go into PPP
- License operators
- Monitor food handlers
- Regular QA/QI process
- Shopping malls

Support services

- Orientation
- Bursary Facility: at least awareness creation, giving recommendation letters
- Scholarship award
- Subsidized tuition
- General Guidance and Counseling
- Performance based Guidance and Counseling
- Free or subsidized Internet services
- Free or subsidized legal services
- Course or level advisers

Support cont....

- Travel links for international students
- Student handbook
- Level advisers/school mentors
- Student union matters: registration and regulation of associations
- Dollar exchange for international students
- Security, protection from harassment, bullying

Room for improvement

- Health: Pre admission tests should be handled within, transition to NHIS
- Accommodation: PPP scheme is beneficial
- Transportation: PPP can produce affordable Keke NAPEP (not bicycles), Mini bus shuttle
- Cafeteria: PPP can build & manage cafeteria
- Strengthen student affairs unit to provide support services
- Special needs of medical students

Consequences of poor students welfare/support services

- Poor health status of students
- Poor nutrition
- Stress
- Insecurity
- Students unrest
- Closure of institution

Summary

- UNIMED is on course as assessed
- There are rooms for improvement
- Written policy on students welfare and support services and
- Follow up implementation, M and E

Thanks for listening