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Perception of Lecturers and Students on Impact of Entrepreneurial Skills on Self Reliance of Business Education in Plateau State College Of Education, Shendam

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Abstract

The research work was on Perception of lecturers and Students on Impact of Entrepreneurial Skills on Self Reliance of Business Education in Plateau State College of Education, Shendam. As a guide to the study, two research questions and two null hypotheses were raised. Descriptive survey design was adopted for the study. The population of the study stood at 205 and 103 were used for the study. Questionnaire was used to generate data from the respondents. Percentages was employed to answer research questions while Pearson Product Moment Correlation was used to test null hypothesis one and Simple Linear Regression for null hypothesis two. The analysis revealed among others that Entrepreneurial education has significant influence on self reliant of business education students. It was recommended among others that there should be an in-depth review and evaluation of Nigerian Business Education curriculum. This study should take into consideration of introducing entrepreneur education as one of the core subjects in the contents of the curriculum, this will provide students with entrepreneurial skills that will make them to be self reliant in Plateau State College of Education, Shendam.

Introduction

Many definitions of entrepreneurship can be found in the literature describing business processes. The earliest definition of entrepreneurship, dating from the eighteenth century, used it as an economic term describing the process of bearing the risk of buying at certain prices and selling at uncertain prices. Jubril (2010) defined entrepreneur as one who is willing to bear the risk of a new venture if there is a significant chance for profit. Magaji (2011) viewed entrepreneur education as an innovator who markets his innovation. According to Bilyaminu (1997) entrepreneur is someone who identifies opportunities and who believes in the opportunities discovered so strongly that he or she is prepared to undertake the task (business) of finding the resources to create solutions for the problems and who is solely responsible for the success or

Education is acknowledged as a means for transforming and empowering school leavers with skills knowledge and understanding that will facilitates job opportunities. Scholars were of the Opinion that entrepreneur training will provide students with skills; knowledge and attitudes to enable them become productive members of the society. This is in line with Magaji (2010) who Opined that education contributes to sustainable development, and is recognized in Nigeria as a priority area of development intervention as is reflected in policy documents. Business education is broadly to lead participants to acquire the practical is broadly defined as "Education which is mainly to lead participants to acquire the practical skills In a particular occupation." skills, knowhow and understanding, and necessary for employment in a particular occupation,

The role of entrepreneur education in furnishing skills required to improve productivity, raise income land income levels and improve access to employment opportunities has been widely recognized

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tiedoh, 2009). Developments in the last three decades have made the role of business education Liore decisive; the globalization process, technological change, and increased competition due to trade liberalization necessitates requirements of higher skills and productivity among workers in both modern sector firms and Micro and Small Enterprises (MSE). Skills development encompasses a broad range of core skills (entrepreneurial, communication, financial and leadership) so that individuals are equipped for productive activities and employment opportunities (wage employment, self-employment and income generation activities). Adamu (2008) revealed that entrepreneur education will provide students with the followings:-

- Self confident and multi-skilled.
- Confident in the face of difficulties and discouraging circumstances.
- Innovative skills to manage business.
- Results-orientated for positive outcome
- A risk-taker that will facilitate success.
- Total commitment and hard work for achievement.

According to Fapohunda (2006) Entrepreneurial skills will enable business education students to recognize opportunities for successful introduction of new commodities, new techniques and new sources of supply, and to assemble the necessary plant and equipment, management and labour force and organized them into a running concern. In line with this, Okpor and Hassan (2012) opined that entrepreneur education rooted on preparation of students for acquisition of necessary skills, knowledge and attitude to earn employment or be self reliant. This background information motivated the researcher to investigate the role of entrepreneur education on self reliant of business education students in Plateau state Colleges of Education in Shendam.

Statement of the Problem

Entrepreneurship education has become popular for many reasons. The study of entrepreneur education enable will enable graduates to create and the develop business plans allow students to integrate accounting, economics, finance, marketing and other business disciplines. Adamu (2010) said that the course will offer an enriching, integrative educational experience. Jubril (2011) maintained that entrepreneur education increases technology transfer from the university to the market through the development of technology-based business plans and student involvement with technology licensing; Ibrahim (2011) added that entrepreneurship education forges links between the business and academic communities. It is viewed by business leaders as a useful, applied approach to the study of business and the economy.

Despite the growing number of new and expanding educational programme in this area, Alberta & Gary (2008) observed that many schools have been slow to respond to the increasing student and community interest. The growing number of students shunning traditional employment opportunities to become entrepreneurs has caught some business school faculty and administrators off guard. Many are still questioning whether entrepreneurship is worth the investment, whether entrepreneurship training enhances their students' abilities to compete in today's job market, and whether their entrepreneurship students make stronger and more successful business leaders. It is as a result that the researcher investigate the perception of business education lecturers and students on Imperativeness for Empowering Business Education Students with Entrepreneurial Skills in Nigerian Tertiary Institutions

Objectives of the Study

The researcher aimed at achieving the following objectives

To determine the perception of Business education lecturers and students on relationship between their curriculum and students entrepreneur skills development in Plateau stare College of Education, Shendam.

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To determine the perception of Business education lecturers and students on the influence of entrepreneurial education on self reliant of marketing in Plateau stare College of

Research Questions

As a guide to this study, the following research questions were raised

What is the perception of Business education lecturers and students on relationship 1. between their curriculum and students entrepreneur skills development in Plateau stare College of Education, Shendam?

What is the perception of Business education lecturers and students on the influence of 2. entrepreneurial education on self reliant of marketing students in Plateau stare College of

Education, Shendam?

Hypotheses

The following null hypotheses were tested

There is no significant relationship between curriculum of business education and students entrepreneur skills development in Nigeria as perceived by lecturers and students in Plateau stare College of Education, Shendam.

Research Design and Procedure

Descriptive design was used to conduct the study. The design was chosen not only because it is appropriate and effectiveness in to gathering data as opined by Adamu (2010), who stated that this method enables the researcher to describe an event, situation or phenomenon as it is as at the time of the study. It also helps the researcher to systematically document current opinions and information on research work.

The population of the study constitutes all lecturers and students in Plateau stare College of Education, Shendam. The population of the study was 205 and 103 of them were used for the study.

Four rating scale made of strongly agree 4 points, agree 3 points, disagree 2 points and strongly disagree 1 point was used to collect data from the respondents. Validity of the instrument was determined by experts in business education in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. 30 copies of questionnaire were distributed to lecturers and students in Federal College of Education, Zaria. Data collected were used to test the reliability of the instrument. The result shows 0.62 reliability

The researcher distributed the questionnaire personally. Random sampling technique was employed in the researcher distributed the questionnaire personally. Scores of 50% was used as based for agree in employed in distributing the questionnaire. Scores of 50% was used as based for agree in answering research questions strongly agree and agree and answering research questions. answering the research questions. In answering research questions, strongly agree and agree were clearly disagree collapsed to disagree Pearson were classified as agree while disagree and strongly disagree collapsed to disagree. Pearson Product M. Product Moment Correlation Coefficient (PPMC) in test the null hypothesis.

Analyses of data used to answer research questions are presented in Table 1 and 2, while that of lest of pull be a second of the test of null hypotheses are in Table 3 and 4.

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The analysis of the respondent's opinion is presented in table 1

Table I Analysis of Respondents opinion used for Research Question One

Item	SA	A	D	SD	TA	TD	TR	% Agreed	% Disagreed
1	40			21		65	142	31.4	68.6
2	4	21		42		110	221	30.2	69.6
3	44	60	88	26	104	114	218	34.3	65.7
.,		otal			208	289		41.9	58.2

Table 1 presents the analyses of perception of lecturers and students on relationship between their curriculum and students entrepreneur skills development. Respondents who opined that there is relationship between curriculum of business education and entrepreneur skills development scored 88 and 120 for strongly agree and agree respectively, these represent 41.9%. Disagree and strongly disagree had 200 and 89, these accounted for 58.1% of the scores. Based on the index score of 50%, the result of the study revealed that no relationship exist between curriculum of business education and entrepreneur skills development in Plateau stare College of Education, Shendam.

Research Question Two

What is the perception of Business education lecturers and students on the influence of entrepreneurial education on self reliant of business education students in Plateau stare College of Education, Shendam?

Table 2 Analysis of Respondents opinion used for Research Question Two

Item	SA	A			TA			% Agreed	% Disagreed	
4	88	36	4	33	124	37	161	77.0	23.0	
5	64	30	30	27	94	57	161	58.4	41.6	
6	44	27	20	31	71	51	122	58.2	41.8	
	Г	otal			289	145	434	66.6	33.4	

Analyses of opinion of respondents used to determine the perception of Business education lecturers and students on the influence of entrepreneur education on students self reliant is presented in Table 2. In the analyses, respondents that agreed that entrepreneur education has influence on self reliant of business education students scored 198 and 93 points, which represent 66.7%. Those with divergent opinion had 54 and 91 for disagree and strongly disagree respectively, these accounted for 33.3%. The finding revealed 66.7%>50% index scores, based on the analysis, it was concluded that respondents maintained that through entrepreneur education, students of business education can be self reliant.

Test of Hypotheses

Null hypothesis

There is no significant relationship between curriculum of business education and students entrepreneur skills development in Nigeria as perceived by lecturers and students in Plateau stare College of Education, Shendam

Table 3
Test of Null hypothesis One

- Luc CD	Mean	Std. Deviation	Df	r-cal	r-	Sig. (2-
Curriculum of Business Education	2.63	.67			crit	tailed)
			101	1.98	.195	0.062
Entrepreneur Skills Development	2.18	.61				

The result of test of null hypothesis one is presented in Table 2. The analysis revealed means scores of was 2.63 and 2.18 for curriculum of business education and entrepreneur skills than r-crit, 0.195; this can also be seen in alpha value the result 0.062> 0.05 indicates that there is skills development in Nigeria as perceived by lecturers and students in Plateau stare College of Education, Shendam. The null hypothesis is therefore retained at 0.05 level of significance.

Discussion of the Findings

The finding research question one revealed that, entrepreneur education is not in the curriculum of business education in Colleges of education in Kaduna. This finding was supported by test of null hypothesis one which revealed that no significant relationship exist between curriculum of business education and students entrepreneur skill development. This finding agrees with Jibril (2009) opined that business education curriculum is in the wrong track, considering that it did not expose students to career development.

Summary and conclusion

Problems of unemployment and inadequate skills for self reliant are the major problems confronting graduates of business education in Nigeria. Today, no matter where you turn, stories abound of the enormous social, economic and educational benefits of entrepreneurship. Entrepreneur entrepreneurship will expose students to opportunities to creative freedoms, higher self esteem, and an overall greater sense of control over their own lives. Introducing the entrepreneur education to curriculum of business education will expose students to entrepreneurship. This will give them the skills and vision that will prepare them for self reliant upon graduation.

Recommendations

- There should be an in-depth review and evaluation of Nigerian Business Education curriculum. This study should take into consideration of introducing entrepreneur education as one of the core subjects in the contents of the curriculum, this will provide students with entrepreneurial skills that will make them to be self reliant in Nigeria.
- There should be a strong linkage between entrepreneurship and technology so that graduates of business education will be technological equip with skills needed for their self employment upon graduation.
- To make it more effective, a practical aspect of it should be introduced as that of SIWES.

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