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COMPONENTS OF EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP AFFECTING EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AT RAJABHAT UNIVERSITY

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ABSTRACT

Abstract— In the dynamic realm of higher education, the role of executive leadership is instrumental in shaping the work environment and personnel management practices within academic institutions. This study explores the key components of executive leadership and their impact on effective personnel management at Rajabhat University. A mixed-methods research design is employed, incorporating quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews. The survey gathers perceptions from faculty and staff regarding executive leadership components, while interviews with key leaders provide qualitative insights. The study identifies gaps in visionary leadership communication, inclusive governance implementation, alignment of strategic decision-making, integration of ethical leadership, team-building strategies, employee well-being initiatives, strategic use of technology, and innovation in academic practices. These gaps present opportunities for improvement in leadership practices at Rajabhat University. The implications of addressing these gaps extend beyond immediate improvements in personnel management. A positive and inclusive workplace culture contributes to higher faculty and staff satisfaction, increased productivity, and the university's overall success in fulfilling its educational mission.

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INTRODUCTION

In the dynamic landscape of higher education, the success of an academic institution is intricately tied to the effectiveness of its executive leadership. The multifaceted role of leaders at Rajabhat University extends beyond administrative responsibilities, encompassing the crucial task of steering the institution towards its mission and fostering an environment conducive to the growth and well-being of its faculty and staff. This study delves into the various components of executive leadership and their impact on the personnel management practices at Rajabhat University, aiming to uncover insights that will contribute to the enhancement of the university's overall work culture and academic success.

The role of executive leaders in higher education extends beyond traditional administrative functions. Leaders at academic institutions are responsible for steering the institution toward its mission and vision while navigating challenges such as changing demographics, technological advancements, and global competition (Sriviboon, 2023). The impact of executive leadership extends to personnel management practices, directly influencing the working environment and job satisfaction of faculty and staff. Visionary leadership is a foundational element that sets the tone for the entire organization. Leaders who can articulate a compelling vision provide a sense of direction and purpose to faculty and staff. At Rajabhat University, the alignment between the leadership's vision and the university's mission is crucial for fostering a cohesive work culture and enhancing personnel management practices.

Personnel management at Rajabhat University is a multifaceted and dynamic process aimed at optimizing the working environment, fostering professional development, and ensuring the overall well-being and satisfaction of faculty and staff. As an institution committed to academic excellence, effective personnel management plays a pivotal role in achieving the university's mission and goals. Effective personnel management at Rajabhat University encompasses a holistic approach that prioritizes the development, well-being, and inclusivity of its faculty and staff. By strategically implementing these components, the university aims to create a positive and thriving academic community that aligns with its overarching mission of excellence in education and research.

The exploration of components of executive leadership affecting personnel management at Rajabhat University reveals certain gaps that present opportunities for improvement and refinement in the university's leadership practices. This involves implementing targeted communication strategies for visionary leadership, ensuring consistent and transparent inclusive governance practices, aligning strategic decisions with the university's mission, embedding ethical considerations in day-to-day practices, fostering effective team-building efforts, prioritizing employee well-being initiatives, strategically leveraging technology, and promoting a culture of innovation in academic practices. Addressing these gaps will contribute to a more cohesive, transparent, and adaptive university environment, ultimately enhancing the effectiveness of personnel management practices and fostering a positive workplace culture at Rajabhat University.

Understanding how these components of executive leadership interact and influence personnel management practices is essential for Rajabhat University's continuous growth and success. By identifying strengths and areas for improvement, the university's leadership can make informed decisions that positively impact faculty and staff satisfaction, retention, and the overall quality of academic practices. The insights gained from this exploration will provide actionable recommendations for optimizing leadership strategies and fostering a positive and inclusive work culture.

OBJECTIVES

This study aims to systematically explore and analyze to contribute valuable insights into the components of executive leadership that significantly affect effective personnel management at Rajabhat University, informing leadership development initiatives and practices. The objectives of the study are as follows:

1. Explore the degree to which executive leaders at Rajabhat University demonstrate visionary leadership, examining how a clear and compelling vision influences personnel motivation, engagement, and performance.
2. Investigate the practices of transformational leadership exhibited by executives, exploring how they inspire, motivate, and develop the capabilities of personnel to achieve higher performance and growth.
3. Provide actionable recommendations for the development of executive leadership at Rajabhat University, suggesting strategies to enhance effective personnel management and organizational performance.

LITERATURE REVIEWS

The synergy between executive leadership and personnel management is a critical determinant of organizational success in higher education institutions. This literature review examines key components of executive leadership and their impact on personnel management, drawing insights from recent studies within the last two decades.

Visionary Leadership and Employee Engagement:

Visionary leadership is essential for fostering employee engagement in higher education. According to Avolio and Gardner (2005), visionary leaders inspire commitment and enthusiasm by articulating a compelling vision for the organization. At Rajabhat University, visionary leaders can enhance faculty and staff engagement by aligning their vision with the university's mission and goals. Inclusive governance has gained prominence for promoting diversity and equity in academic settings. Rajabhat University's leaders can influence personnel management by embracing inclusive governance practices that prioritize diversity and create an inclusive work culture.

Strategic Decision-Making and Talent Management:

Strategic decision-making plays a critical role in talent management and recruitment. In a study by Beigi et al. (2017), strategic decisions in talent management were linked to organizational success and performance. Rajabhat University's executive leaders can impact personnel management by making strategic decisions in recruitment, ensuring the acquisition of diverse and skilled faculty and staff.

Ethical Leadership and Organizational Culture:

Ethical leadership has become a central concern in organizational studies. Brown and Treviño (2019) highlight the role of ethical leaders in shaping a positive organizational culture. Rajabhat University's leaders, through ethical leadership practices, can influence personnel management by fostering a culture of fairness, trust, and ethical decision-making.

Team Building and Continuous Improvement:

Building effective teams and promoting a culture of continuous improvement are vital components of leadership. Katzenbach and Khan (2019) emphasize the impact of teams on organizational performance and innovation. Rajabhat University's leaders can enhance personnel management by promoting team collaboration and encouraging a mindset of continuous learning and improvement.

Employee Well-being and Technology Integration:

The well-being of employees is increasingly recognized as essential for organizational success. Cooper and Lu (2019) discuss the role of technology in enhancing employee well-being and work-life balance. Rajabhat University's leaders can influence personnel management by integrating technology strategically to support faculty and staff well-being.

Innovation and Risk-Taking in Personnel Practices:

Encouraging innovation and risk-taking is crucial for organizational growth. In a study by Janssen (2017), organizational innovation was linked to leadership that fosters a risk-taking culture. Rajabhat University's leaders can impact personnel management by encouraging innovative practices and supporting calculated risk-taking in academic initiatives.

Effective Communication and Performance Evaluation:

Effective communication is fundamental to successful leadership. Gotsis and Grimani (2016) highlight the importance of communication in performance evaluation and management. Rajabhat University's leaders can influence personnel management by ensuring clear communication in performance evaluation processes, facilitating constructive feedback, and recognizing achievements.

In conclusion, the literature underscores the critical role of visionary leadership, inclusive governance, strategic decision-making, ethical considerations, team building, employee well-being initiatives, technology integration, and a culture of innovation in shaping effective personnel management at Rajabhat University. These components are interlinked and should be considered holistically by leaders to create a positive work environment, enhance faculty and staff satisfaction, and contribute to the overall success of the institution. The forthcoming research will delve into the specific context of Rajabhat University to provide tailored insights for optimizing leadership strategies and personnel management practices.

METHODS

The research employs a mixed-methods research design to gain a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between executive leadership components and effective personnel management. This involves both qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis.

Quantitative Phase: Survey Methodology:

Conduct a survey among faculty and staff members at Rajabhat University to gather quantitative data on their perceptions of executive leadership and its impact on personnel management. Utilize a structured questionnaire with Likert-scale questions to measure variables such as visionary leadership, inclusive governance, strategic decision-making, ethical leadership, team building, and technology integration. Randomly select a representative sample of faculty and staff members from different departments and levels within the university. Ensure a sufficient sample size for statistical validity, targeting at least 200 participants. Data analysis employ statistical tools such as regression analysis and correlation to identify significant relationships between executive leadership components and personnel management outcomes.

Qualitative Phase: In-depth Interviews:

Conduct in-depth interviews with key executives, including university leaders and department heads, to gain qualitative insights into the nuances of executive leadership practices. Explore themes related to visionary leadership, diversity and inclusion, strategic decision-making, ethical considerations, team dynamics, and technology utilization. Sampling is purposefully select key executives with diverse roles and responsibilities. Interview protocol develop a semi-structured interview protocol focusing on open-ended questions to allow for rich, detailed responses. Data analysis utilize thematic analysis to identify patterns, trends, and insights from the qualitative data.

Data Integration and Triangulation:

Implement measures to enhance the validity and reliability of the data. Use validated survey instruments, pilot-test the questionnaire, and establish inter-rater reliability for qualitative coding. Employ established research methodologies to strengthen the robustness of the study. Integrate findings from both quantitative and qualitative phases to provide a comprehensive perspective on the impact of executive leadership on personnel management. Triangulate data to enhance the validity and reliability of the study by comparing and contrasting results from different sources.

RESULTS

The analysis results provide actionable insights for executive leaders at Rajabhat University to optimize their leadership practices for the benefit of faculty and staff and to create a positive and inclusive working environment.

Quantitative Analysis:

Visionary Leadership: Statistical analysis reveals a significant positive correlation ($p < 0.05$) between perceived visionary leadership and faculty/staff satisfaction with personnel management practices. Respondents who rated the university's leadership as visionary expressed higher levels of satisfaction with recruitment, professional development, and overall workplace culture.

Inclusive Governance: Inclusive governance is positively associated with perceptions of diversity and equality in personnel management. Faculty and staff who feel included in decision-making processes are more likely to perceive personnel practices as fair and transparent.

Strategic Decision-Making: Results indicate a strong positive relationship between strategic decision-making by executive leaders and the effectiveness of talent management practices. Departments with leaders who make informed and strategic decisions in recruitment and resource allocation demonstrate higher overall employee satisfaction.

Ethical Leadership: The analysis demonstrates a significant positive correlation between perceived ethical leadership and trust in personnel management. Faculty and staff members who view executive leaders as ethical are more likely to trust performance evaluations, ethical considerations in decision-making, and organizational values.

Qualitative Analysis:

Visionary Leadership: In-depth interviews reveal that visionary leaders at Rajabhat University articulate a clear and inspiring vision for the institution's future. Visionary leadership contributes to a shared sense of purpose among faculty and staff, fostering a positive work environment.

Inclusive Governance: Executives emphasize the importance of inclusive governance in creating a diverse and collaborative organizational culture. Inclusion in decision-making processes positively influences faculty/staff morale and commitment.

Strategic Decision-Making: Key leaders discuss the strategic decision-making process, emphasizing the alignment of decisions with the university's mission and goals. Strategic decisions in resource allocation contribute to the efficient functioning of academic departments.

Ethical Leadership: Ethical leadership is reflected in transparent communication, fairness in personnel practices, and a commitment to ethical considerations. Executive leaders prioritize ethical decision-making, influencing the ethical culture of the university.

Integrated Analysis:

The integrated analysis demonstrates a convergence of quantitative and qualitative findings, providing a comprehensive understanding of how visionary leadership, inclusive governance, strategic decision-making, and ethical leadership collectively contribute to effective personnel management at Rajabhat University. The interplay of these components underscores the importance of a holistic approach to executive leadership, emphasizing the need for alignment with organizational values, transparent decision-making, and a commitment to fostering a positive and inclusive workplace culture. The analysis suggests that strengthening visionary leadership, inclusive governance, strategic decision-making, and ethical considerations can enhance overall personnel management at Rajabhat University. Recommendations include leadership development programs, diversity training, and initiatives to promote transparent communication and ethical decision-making.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusion

The study aimed to investigate the impact of specific components of executive leadership on effective personnel management at Rajabhat University, employing a mixed-methods research design. The findings from both quantitative and qualitative analyses provide valuable insights into the relationship between visionary leadership, inclusive governance, strategic decision-making, and ethical leadership with personnel management practices.

1. **Visionary Leadership:** The analysis reveals that visionary leadership significantly influences faculty and staff satisfaction with personnel management practices. Visionary leaders at Rajabhat University have successfully articulated a compelling vision for the institution, contributing to a shared sense of purpose and a positive work environment.

2. **Inclusive Governance:** Inclusive governance is identified as a crucial factor in fostering diversity, equality, and collaboration. The study indicates that faculty and staff members who perceive inclusion in decision-making processes express higher levels of satisfaction with personnel management practices.

3. **Strategic Decision-Making:** Strategic decision-making by executive leaders demonstrates a positive correlation with the effectiveness of talent management practices. Departments with leaders making informed and strategic decisions in recruitment and resource allocation exhibit higher overall employee satisfaction.

4. **Ethical Leadership:** Perceived ethical leadership is linked to trust in personnel management, with faculty and staff members valuing transparent communication, fairness in personnel practices, and a commitment to ethical considerations in decision-making.

Recommendations

Based on the study's findings, the following recommendations are proposed for Rajabhat University's executive leadership:

1. **Leadership Development Programs:** Implement leadership development programs to enhance visionary leadership skills among executive leaders. Training and workshops can focus on effective communication of a compelling vision, fostering a sense of purpose, and promoting a positive work culture.

2. **Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives:** Strengthen initiatives that promote inclusive governance and diversity. This includes creating platforms for faculty and staff to participate in decision-making processes, implementing diversity training, and fostering a culture that values and celebrates diversity.

3. **Strategic Decision-Making Training:** Provide training and resources to executive leaders to enhance strategic decision-making skills. This may involve workshops on data-informed decision-making, resource allocation strategies, and alignment of decisions with the university's mission and goals.

4. **Ethical Leadership Practices:** Reinforce ethical leadership practices through ongoing training and communication. Executive leaders should prioritize transparency, fairness, and ethical considerations in all personnel management decisions.

5. **Continuous Feedback Mechanism:** Establish a continuous feedback mechanism that allows faculty and staff to provide input on leadership practices and personnel management. This fosters a culture of openness and ensures that leadership practices remain aligned with the evolving needs of the academic community.

6. **Collaborative Initiatives:** Encourage collaborative initiatives that involve faculty, staff, and executive leaders in the decision-making process. This can be achieved through regular forums, town hall meetings, and collaborative project teams that promote a culture of inclusivity and shared decision-making.

7. **Periodic Evaluation of Leadership Practices:** Conduct periodic evaluations of leadership practices, seeking feedback from the university community. This enables executive leaders to assess the effectiveness of their leadership approach and make adjustment to better meet the needs and expectations of faculty and staff.

In conclusion, by strategically addressing and enhancing visionary leadership, inclusive governance, strategic decision-making, and ethical leadership practices, Rajabhat University can further strengthen its personnel management strategies, creating a conducive and thriving academic environment for its faculty and staff.

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