Characteristics of Korean Freshmen University Students: Reanalyzed Data of 59 Surveys

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Of all the duties needed to be administered by the Student Guidance & Counseling Center's (SGCC), a survey regarding freshman university students is one of the most important. Through the data collected from this survey, the administrative departments of the universities involved, combined with the efforts of the SGCC are developing strategies to facilitate freshman university students to better adjust to the newness of being part of such a large university environment. This study has several purposes. They include the analysis regarding the content and structure of the questionnaires, the understanding of Korean freshman university students, and suggestions for ways of facilitating the implications of the survey results.

Methods

Subject: survey results regarding the freshmen of 59 universities

The Process of Analysis:

- 1st stage: reconstructing the results of the data
- 2nd stage: classifying of questionnaires
- 3rd stage: determining of the classification of the questionnaires
- reaching the 3rd level for the 74 items
- 4th stage: selection of the more meaningful items amongst all 74 items
- reaching the 4 categories, the 8 sub-categories on 32 of the items
- 5th stage: the 2nd selection process of the more meaningful items amongst 32 items
- reaching the 21 items
- 6th stage: identifying the contents of 21 items

Results

1) Survey categories and the characteristics of the freshman

Category	Sub category	Order Item	1st	2st
Personal domain	person	Residential planning	home	Dormitory
	environment	Preparation of money	parent	self
University life domain	Rational for selection of university & department of study	Rational for the selection of university	High possibility of admission	Aptitude, reputation
		Satisfaction with the university selected	Good	Average
		Satisfaction with the major selected	Good	Average
		Rational for major selected	Aptitude	High possibility of employment

	Expectations of college life	Anticipating problem	Academic achievement, Economy problem	
		Greatest wish	Personal relations	Study for the major
	Career plans	The standards for selecting a job	aptitude	Salary
		Career expectations	Finding employment	Graduate study
	The characteristics of freshman	The most valuable thing	Money	Great home, good relations, health
		The factor for success	Competence	Human relations
		The purpose of college entrance	Finding employment	Receiving a B.A.
	Thoughts on sex	Thoughts on premarital sex	Practicing, if in love	Practicing chastity
		The expecting education for sex	Psychological difference between M/F, how to go about dating, coping methods for sex criminals, sex mannerism	

2) The characteristics of Korean freshmen university students

- They have been affected by their parents.
- The standard for the selection of a university depends on the possibility of admission, and the standard for the selection of their major is based on aptitude.
- They are in distress regarding their academic and career choices.
- They value money first, and accept premarital sex.
- They are first sharing their distresses with their friends.

Discussion

- This study suggests establishing a part in CCUS for carrying out a constant survey.
- This study suggests developing a strategy for facilitating and utilizing the results of a community.
- The Students Guidance and Counseling Center must work in synchronization with student career options.
- This study suggests creating a survey for foreign students.
- This study suggests creating a survey for general college students.