Students’ Motivation

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Typhoon Soudelor caused massive damage in Northern Marianas College. “Eighteen of the college’s 25 buildings were damaged, many left without roofs, and four were nearly destroyed,” (Logue, 2015, pp. 8). Typhoon Soudelor causes changed in the curriculum of the college. Due to Typhoon Soudelor, Fall 2015 semester got postponed till September 28, 2015. The schedule for Fall semester was affected by the typhoon causing the students to reregistered for Fall 2015. One of the major effects of Typhoon Soudelor was the changes in the students’ motivation. There would be differences on students’ motivation in regards to a condensed semester and standard semester, but a condensed semester schedule also leave effects on college studies, attendance in school, and students’ availability of doing a homework.

First, in terms of the effects of Typhoon Soudelor on college studies, during the condensed semester the hours of classes were longer than those in a standard semester. Most classes were two hours or long. Since, the semester is only thirteen weeks, students had less time to understand the lessons clearly. Students have to submit their projects before the end of Fall semester, but they realized that the time they had is not enough to do the projects. Some of the students’ project required more time. NMC also offered night classes that lasted till ten o’clock in the evening. Students claimed they were having hard time to study some because they got really tired on a longer hours of classes. In contrast, a standard semester has shorter classes. The standard semester is composed of a sixteen weeks of classes. Students have time to relax and do their homework. Students can ask for a help from other people because they have enough time, the students’ project can be submitted on time because they are not being rush. The night classes in a standard

Second, the attendance in school have also been affected by the Typhoon Soudelor. In a condensed semester, some of the students did not enroll for Fall 2015 because of the shortened semester. One of the reasons why other students’ did not enroll for Fall 2015 was their academic materials like books and laptop were also damaged by the typhoon. Without books and laptop it is hard to cope in class especially if there is a homework. On the other hand, in a standard semester a lot of college students were enrolled and wants to enroll because that is a regular semester. Students were very excited during on a standard semester. Students came to class early and submit homework on time. However, in a standard semester the sources of homework are mostly available. Students can do their assignments at home because they have power. Students can also use their books and laptop to answer their homework. Lastly, having a homework in a standard semester in not a big issue because resources are everywhere.

Third, the availability of doing homework is one of the important points to consider in students’ motivation. According to study conducted by Hill, Alston, and Fitzgerald, homework was positively linked to student achievement. Homework is really important in students’ life in school. Homework can help the students to understand the lessons clearly. Instructors give the students homework to see if the students learn something from them. In a condensed semester, it is hard to do a homework. Students are having issues in doing their homework because there are some things to consider like power and internet. Most of the students were experiencing power shortage, loss of internet connection, and the books were damaged by the typhoon.

On the basis of college students’ studies, attendance on school, and availability of homework, a condensed semester is harder, shorter, and faster than standard semester. These differences need to be study by the people of the college before deciding. If another typhoon will come on Saipan, everyone will consider the differences in a condensed semester and standard semester before making a decision.

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