Assessment of Guidance Services in a State University: Basis for an Enhancement Program

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ABSTRACT

his study was conducted to assess the guidance services in terms of its awareness, access to, availment, and satisfaction with the guidance services among 361 randomly selected students in a university for the School Year 2018 – 2019. Descriptive study was utilized. It sought to determine relationships between respondents' characteristics such as sex, year level and course to their awareness, access to, and availment of the guidance services. The respondents were generally female, fourth year, and in the field of Hotel and Restaurant Technology course. Majority of the respondents are aware, have access to, availed and were satisfied with the guidance services. Results revealed that majority of the respondents are aware, have access to, availed and satisfied with the guidance services specifically the assistance rendered by a licensed guidance counselor, an interview with students to know their concerns, records that provide an overview of personal needs and concerns of every student, and a service that discusses similar concerns with other students and attendance to conferences where students can learn something important. Of the variables considered, year level and course have significant relationship with the awareness, access to, availment, and satisfaction with the guidance services.

Keywords: Access, Awareness, Availment, Guidance Services, Satisfaction

INTRODUCTION

Higher Education Institutions must ensure that student affairs and services wherein the Guidance Services is one among them should be utilized by students so that they can attain holistic student development. The study conducted by Ciasico (2016) reported, however, that among the student affairs and services most specifically, the guidance office fell short of expectation among the students. Moreover, because of the lack of personnel as proven by the studies of Cortel (2004) and Villar (2014) effective access and availment of these services may be hindered.

This is especially true to a certain college newly converted into a university

status which promotes different guidance programs which are uniquely implemented in the different systems. There is a need, however in a university to have a unified system implementation of these services and assessment of these guidance services must have achieved consistent results and continually improve the process which are duly monitored during accreditation visits which confirms with the study of Rosyid (2019) that programs and services in an institution shall meet the demands of accreditation standards. Studies on this subject have been conducted: however. most of them have been conducted in other countries or have focused on two or more

variables to which satisfaction has been attributed. It is therefore necessary to conduct this study to contribute towards the improvement of quality guidance services in order to enhance and enrich learning and the total development of students especially in this newly-declared university institution.

METHODOLOGY

Respondents

The study was conducted at the five campuses in a certain university of higher education located in the Province of Iloilo, Philippines. The respondents were the 361 third year and fourth students, classified according to sex, year level and course drawn using stratified random sampling in combination with cluster sampling from the 3,674 populations of the five campuses during the school year 2018 – 2019.

Data-gathering procedures

The study is a descriptive-relational study that attempted to find out the students' awareness of, access to, availment of and satisfaction with the guidance services in the five campuses of a state university in the Province of Iloilo. instrument used to gather data was a duly validated and reliable researcher-made questionnaire with a reliability coefficient of 0.83 (Alpha Cronbach). The researchermade questionnaire was prepared based upon the questionnaire of Villar (2014) and consisted of five parts: Part 1 inquired on the respondent's characteristics, such as sex, year level and course. Part 2 dealt with respondent's awareness of the Guidance Services of the campus. Part 3 looked into the respondent's access to the Guidance Services provided by the school, while Part 4 inquired about the students' availment of the Guidance Services and Part 5 dealt with

the respondent's satisfaction with the guidance services.

The approval to conduct the study was granted by the head of the institution and the respondents who took part in the study gave consent to have their responses used anonymously in the study. The data about the guidance program of each of the five campuses were collected through personal interview with the Guidance Counselor and review of certain documents about the school's guidance program during the fielding of the instrument to the students. Participants was informed that participation in the study was entirely voluntary. No potential harm is expected in this study and the proposal was reviewed and approved by the panel of experts. No identified discomfort will be experienced during the conduct of this research.

Data analyses

The respondents were categorized into the different variables such as, sex (male or female), year level (third year or fourth year) and course (Communication Dev and Food Tech, Education (BEED, BSED and BTTE); Information Tech, Automotive, HRT, and Architecture, and, Agriculture, Agroforestry, Animal Science, and Crop Science). Overall awareness of guidance services refers to the total number of items of guidance and counseling services offered by their respective schools which the respondents were aware of. This was measured by the

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20-item questionnaire answerable by yes, no, or I do not know. Each yes answer was given one point. Based on the total number of yes responses. The total scores obtained by the respondents were categorized into High (14-20), Average (7-13), and Low (0-6). The student's level of availment and satisfaction with the services were determined using the mean scores obtained for each group of indicators using the 20-item instrument and categorized as follows:

4.21 - 5.00- Highly Availed/ Satisfied; 3.41 - 4.20- Mostly Availed/ Satisfied; 2.61 - 3.40 - Moderately Availed/ Somewhat Satisfied; 1.81 - 2.60- Sometimes Availed/ Dissatisfied; and, 1.00 - 1.80 - Poorly Availed/ Very Dissatisfied.

Descriptive statistics used were frequency distribution, means and standard deviation. Inferential statistics employed to ascertain the relationship between variables were Chi-square, Cramer's V, and Pearson *r*.

RESULTS

The five campuses of the state under study have university existing guidance programs which deliver services according to the provisions of the enhanced CHED Memo No. 9 series of 2013 and those specified in Villar's Comprehensive Guidance Program of 2014 (Villar 2014) which address personal, social academic and career concerns of the students. The services provided are: Information, Individual inventory, Counseling, Placement/Career, Testing, Follow-Up, and Research and Evaluation which are considered vital to the development of well-functioning individuals in order for them to utilize their full potentials (Table 1). They have a licensed full-time Guidance Counselor but are given nonguidance tasks such as accomplishing the ISO quality forms, ISO procedures, and are given accreditation assignments and community work as part of their extension services and their offices have the amenities to the clients such as the counseling room, psychometrician's room, researchers' room, consultant's room, secretary's room, and the like.

In terms of personal details (Table 2) majority of the respondents were females (58.2 %); slightly more fourth year (53.7%) than third year college (46.3%) and majority belonged to Information Technology, Automotive, HRT, and Architecture courses (55.6%).

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Table 1The existing guidance and counseling center in the five campuses

Services Provided	La Paz	Miagao	Leon	Barotac	Dumangas
A. Guidance Program	V	√	V	V	V
B. Guidance Services	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Information	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Individual inventory	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Counseling	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$		$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Placement/career	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$
Testing	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark	$\sqrt{}$		$\sqrt{}$
Follow – up	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Research and Evaluation	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
C. Guidance Personnel					
Guidance Coordinator	√,	X	X	X	X
Guidance Counselor	$\sqrt{}$	√,	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Secretary	X	$\sqrt{}$	Х	X	X
D. Guidance Facilities	1	,	1	,	1
Counseling Room	V	V	V	V	V
Testing Room	X	V	X	X	X
Receiving/Waiting Room	V	V ,	٧,	ν,	V
E. Guidance Budget	V	V	V	V	V
F. Non-guidance Work/Others					
Extension work	$\sqrt{}$	√,	V	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$
Community Work	$\sqrt{}$	V	V	V	V
reparation for ISO Survey	$\sqrt{}$	V	V	V	V
Preparation for Accreditation	√	√	√	V	V

Table 2Distribution of the respondents according to sex, year level, and course.

Category	f	%
Sex		
Male	151	41.8
Female	210	58.2
Total	361	100.0
Year Level		
Third Year	167	46.3
Fourth Year	194	53.7
Total	361	100.0
Course		
Communication Dev. and Food Tech	41	11.3
Education (BEED, BSED and BTTE)	87	24.1
Information Tech, Automotive, HRT, and Architecture	175	55.6
Agriculture, Agroforestry, Animal Science, and Crop Science	58	16
Total	361	100.0

The majority of the respondents were aware of their respective school's guidance and counseling program such as: assistance rendered by a licensed guidance counselor, an interview with students to know their concerns, records that provide an overview of personal needs and concerns of every

student, a service that discusses similar concerns with other students, and attendance to conferences where students can learn something important. Counseling service was the most accessed service by the students; the top three most availed guidance services are: an interview with

students to know their concerns, a workshop that enlightens the students' related concerns and a counseling session that focuses on students' difficulties (Table 3). The top three services that students were satisfied are: acquainting the students with

training present in the curricular and cocurricular programs, a counseling session that focuses on difficulties, assistance rendered by a licensed guidance counselor and a service that discusses similar concerns with other students in Table 4.

Table 3Respondents' awareness of, access to, availment of guidance services areas.

Guidance Services	Awar	eness	Ac	cess	Availment	
Guidance Services	f	%	f	%	f	%
Individual Inventory						
Records of every students'	313	86.7	291	80.6	234	64.8
Records that indicate the student's mental ability	254	70.4	234	64.8	224	62.1
An interview record of students concerns	316	87.5	305	84.5	282	78.1
Information						
A service that conducts training	252	69.8	221	61.2	185	51.2
An activity that highlights one's potentials	228	63.2	227	62.9	185	51.2
Group activities that provide students' experiences	221	61.2	203	56.2	177	49.0
Acquainting the students with co-curricular programs	299	82.8	282	78.1	241	66.8
Counseling						
Assistance rendered by a counselor	331	91.7	280	77.6	224	62.1
A service that discusses concerns of students	309	85.6	256	70.9	256	70.9
A counseling session that focuses on difficulties	239	66.2	305	84.5	271	75.1
Consultation						
A service to adjust their teaching-learning styles	273	75.6	255	70.6	199	55.1
A classroom activity to decide on the topic to be	252	69.8	264	73.1	230	63.7
discussed						
Attendance to conferences where students	309	85.6	277	76.7	246	68.1
Placement						
A service assisting the student to decide on what to do	267	74.0	265	73.4	227	62.9
after graduation						
An activity wherein the students are placed in an	262	72.6	254	70.4	222	61.5
appropriate educational setting						
An activity wherein students are trained in different areas	260	72.0	258	71.5	189	52.4
such as resume writing, power dressing and interview						
Follow-up						
A service that determines employed/ unemployed	264	73.1	239	66.2	199	55.1
graduates						
An assistance rendered to students or their family	209	57.9	207	57.3	232	64.3
Members						
A workshop that enlightens the students' related	270	74.8	255	70.6	277	76.7
concerns.						
Research and Evaluation						
An activity that evaluates the guidance programs	292	80.9	273	75.6	232	64.3

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Table 4Respondents' satisfaction of guidance services areas.

Guidance Services	Dissatisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Moderately Satisfied	Highly Satisfied	Mean Score	
	%	%	%	%		
Individual Inventory						
Records that provide an overview of						
personal needs and concerns of	0.8	21.8	38.5	38.9	3.66 (S	
every students	0.0	21.0	30.0	30.3	0.00 (0	
Records that indicate the student's						
mental ability, aptitudes, and	9.7	27.9	33.2	29.2	3.58 (S	
special strengths	0.1	21.0	00.2	20.2	0.00 (0	
A recorded interview with students to	_					
know their problems	8	23.9	35.3	32.8	3.37 (9	
Information						
A service that conducts training to						
prepare the student when he/she	4.7	27.8	33.2	34.3	3.88 (9	
leaves school.					(
Group activities that provide students'						
experiences aside from the day-to-	2.2	29	42.0	26.8	3.45 (
day learning activities					,	
Acquainting the students with training	E 4					
present in the curricular and co-	5.4	24.5	37.3	33.6	4.08 (
curricular programs					,	
Counseling						
Assistance rendered by a licensed	2.2	00.0	22.0	22.2	404/	
guidance	3.3	20.3	33.9	33.3	4.04 (
A service that discusses similar	0.0	00.0	245	20.4	4.00.0	
concerns with other students	6.9	28.2	34.5	30.4	4.02 (
A counseling session that focuses on	9.1	20.4	20.4	24.2	2.40.0	
the difficulties of the student.	9.1	30.4	29.1	31.3	3.48 (
Consultation						
A service that assists the students to adjust	2.4	33.5	34.5	29.6	3.76 (S)	
their teaching-learning styles	2.4	33.3	34.5	29.0	3.70 (3)	
A classroom activity wherein the students						
are free to decide on the topic to be	8.1	23.8	36.9	31.2	3.75 (S)	
discussed						
Attendance to conferences where students	8.5	25.5	36.7	29.4	2 EO (C)	
can learn something important	0.0	25.5	30.7	29.4	3.50 (S)	
Placement						
A service assisting the student to decide on	2.4	27.4	40.2	30	2 70 (8)	
what to	2.4	21.4	40.2	30	3.79 (S)	
An activity wherein the students are placed	6.9	24.4	39.3	29.4	3.73 (S)	
in an appropriate educational setting	0.9	24.4	39.3	29.4	3.73 (3)	
An activity wherein students are trained in						
different areas such as resume writing,	4.9	17.4	31.3	46.4	3.94 (S)	
power dressing etc.						
Follow- up	0					
A service that determines						
employed/unemployed graduates of the	1.1	22.8	40.4	35.8	3.82 (S)	
university					(-)	
An assistance rendered to students or their	0.4	00.0	07	00.4	0.44 (0)	
family members	2.1	22.8	37	38.1	3.41 (S)	
A workshop that enlightens the students'		0.5.0	44.0		0.74 (0)	
related concerns.	6	25.9	41.9	26.8	3.74 (S)	
Research and Evaluation						
An activity that evaluates the guidance	0.6	0.4.6	00.5	00.4	0.70 (5)	
programs	9.9	21.3	29.5	39.4	3.73 (S)	
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When the relationship between the respondents' characteristics such as sex, year level and course and their awareness of, access to, availment of and satisfaction of guidance services, the test of association between course and awareness of, year level and course and access to, year level and course and availment of, and course and satisfaction of guidance services were all significant as supported by their respective chi square, Cramer's V and p values. (Table

5). Respondents belonging to the Teacher Education Program course had the highest level of awareness compared to other courses, third year college students and those belonging to Bachelor of Industrial Technology course had higher percentage of those having high access and availment of these services, and those students from the Teacher Education Program registered the highest proportion of "very high" satisfaction with guidance services.

Table 5Distribution of respondents according to their characteristics and their awareness of, access of, availment of and satisfaction of guidance services

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	Total	104	100.0	43	100.0	84	100.0	72	100.0	58	100.0	361	100.0	
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Total	Average	16	15.53	4	9.30	28	33.33	13	18.05	9	15.25	70	19.39	
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When the relationship between the respondents' awareness of, access to, availment of and their satisfaction of the guidance services in their school, the test of relationship revealed a significant relationship between their awareness and availment and satisfaction of guidance services while between access to and their satisfaction of guidance services revealed a not significant relationship (Table 6).

Respondents who have high level of awareness of and have availed of the guidance services are definitely satisfied with these services and programs offered in the university. However, whether the respondents may or may not have accessed these services, they are more likely to have satisfaction with the guidance services in the university.

Table 6Distribution of respondents according to their awareness, access, availment and satisfaction of the guidance services in their school.

	Satisfaction												
	High Satisfied		Moderately Satisfied			Somewhat Satisfied		Dissatisfied		Very Dissatisfied		Total	
Awareness	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%	
High	236	74.9	45	14.3	20	6.3	10	3.2	4	1.3	315	87.4	
Average	21	58.3	6	16.7	7	19.4	1	2.8	1	2.8	36	9.9	
Low	7	70.0	3	30.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	2.7	
Total	264	73.1	54	15.0	27	7.5	11	3.0	5	1.4	361	100	
	r = 0.985		p value = 0.020		20	Significant							
Access						•							
High	219	74.2	33	11.2	26	8.8	12	4.1	5	1.7	295	81.7	
Average	50	76.9	9	13.8	6	9.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	65	18.2	
Low	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.10	
Total	269	74.5	55	15.2	37	10.2	12	3.3	5	1.4	361	100	
	r = 0.096		p value = 0.374		74	Not Significant							
Availment			,			Ü							
High	94	39.3	58	24.3	49	16.6	28	11.7	10	4.2	239	66.2	
Average	30	24.6	57	46.7	25	20.5	6	4.9	4	3.3	122	33.8	
Total	124	34.3	115	31.9	74	20.5	34	9.4	14	3.9	361	100	
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DISCUSSION

The present study had clearly proven that there is a guidance office provided for clients in need and a licensed guidance counselor implementing the programs and services offered in the office in all five campuses of the newly-converted state university in the Philippines. Majority of the students are aware of, have access to, and availed of the guidance services specifically the assistance rendered by a licensed guidance counselor, an interview with students to know their concerns, records that provide an overview of personal needs

and concerns of every student, and a service that discusses similar concerns with other students and attendance to conferences where students can learn something important. The services like an activity acquainting students with training present in the curricular and co-curricular programs, assistance rendered by a licensed guidance counselor, an activity wherein students are trained in different areas such as resume writing, power dressing, etc., and a service that conducts training to prepare the student when he/she leaves school are the top five

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guidance services offered in the university that students are satisfied with. This result is supported by the finding of several studies that revealed that majority of their respondents were aware of the services offered in the guidance office (Tiego 2015; Lasode 2017). The result of state university students' higher awareness to guidance services was confirmed by Bernstein and Cunanan's (2008) study on improving student services in which proper information dissemination among students were given emphasis for them to be properly informed or be aware of the guidance services.

Taken together, the results of the study that revealed that the respondents' course is found to be significantly related to their awareness of the guidance services; their year level and course to their access to guidance services; their year level and course to their availment of guidance and their course services. to their satisfaction with the guidance services is supported by the theory of individual differences upholding a belief that all people are different from all others. It may be viewed that other clients who came from different courses may have different levels of awareness with the guidance services. Moreover, the result that indicated that the access of the guidance services is related to the year level of the respondents whether it may be third year or fourth year college students do not support the theory of Fred Luthans (2008) on Contingency approach clients' expectations are highly individualized by year level. Higher year level clients may tend to have higher access of the services than the lower year level because they are more responsible and reliable. Myers (2002) pointed out also that every service that the guidance services office provides must be visible and accessible to every individual student within the campus.

However, the result that the respondents' course and their availment of the guidance services have significant relationship is supported by Luthans (2008) that clients' expectation is highly individualized by course. It means that the extent of availment of their guidance services would depend whether they came from any degree offered in a certain university.

The respondents' awareness guidance services is significantly related to their access to these guidance services. Seemingly, their access to guidance services is significantly related to their availment of these programs and services and their awareness and availment of guidance services are significantly related with satisfaction of the guidance services. Thus, respondents who have high level of awareness of the guidance services are definitely satisfied with these services and programs offered in the university. Hence, those respondents who have high awareness of the guidance services in the university are more likely to be definitely satisfied with the presence of such programs and services in the university. Likewise, respondents who have accessed the guidance services are more likely to have satisfaction with these services in the university. The respondents who have availed the guidance services have also high satisfaction with these services. This result is in consonance with the findings of the study of Bedia (2012) which showed significant relationship between respondents' level of awareness to their level of satisfaction of the guidance services in a certain university. Moreover, the relationship between the respondents' availment and satisfaction of the guidance services show that regardless of their availment of the guidance services, they still had a satisfaction of the guidance services. This result is in consonance with the results of the

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study of Pelaez (2001) and Java (2015) which revealed that the students' availment and the attached value or importance they have given to these student services are related. A student who had availed of these services tended to have attached a greater value and satisfaction offered by the guidance office. Furthermore, Stipak's

(2001) study on satisfaction with urban services had pointed out that the clients can also be more satisfied if they availed or utilized these services provided by the institution. Since clients are recipients of these services, they have knowledge on how these services are accessible to them.

CONCLUSION

Based on the findings of this study the following conclusions were drawn.

Guidance offices were air-conditioned but small to accommodate students.

Guidance counselors were full-time and licensed, friendly and accommodating, and were given non-guidance responsibilities. The respondents were generally female, fourth year, and in the field of Hotel and Restaurant Technology course. Majority of the respondents are aware, have access to, availed and the guidance services specifically the assistance rendered by a licensed guidance counselor, an interview with students to know their concerns, records that provide an overview of personal needs and concerns of every student, and a service that discusses similar concerns with other students and attendance conferences where students can learn something important.

The services like an activity wherein students are trained in different areas such as resume writing, power dressing and interview skills, an activity that evaluates the guidance programs, assistance rendered by a licensed guidance counselor and records that provide an overview of personal needs and concerns of every students and a service that assists the students to adjust their teaching-learning styles are the top five

guidance services offered in the university that students are satisfied with.

The respondents' course is found to be significantly related to their awareness of the guidance services while their sex and year level are not significantly related to their awareness. Hence, one's course is a determinant of one's awareness of guidance services. The respondents' year level and course are found to be significantly related to their access to guidance services while their sex is not significantly related to their access to these guidance services. Hence, ones' year level and course are determinants of one's access to the guidance services. The respondents' year level and course are found to be significantly related to their availment of guidance services while their sex is not significantly related to their availment of these guidance services. Hence, ones' year level and course are determinants of one's availment of the guidance services.

The respondents' course is found to be significantly related to their satisfaction with the guidance services while their sex and year level are not significantly related to their satisfaction. Hence, respondents' course is a determinant of one's satisfaction with the guidance services. The respondents' awareness of guidance services significantly related to their access to these guidance services. One's awareness of

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guidance services can determine his/her access to these programs and services. The respondents' access to guidance services is significantly related to their availment of these programs and services. Hence, one's access to guidance services is a predictor of his/her availment of these services.

The respondents' awareness and availment of guidance services are

significantly related with one's satisfaction of the guidance services while their access to these guidance services are found to be not significantly related with their satisfaction with these services. Hence, ones' awareness and availment is a predictor of his/her satisfaction with guidance services and programs.

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