

Students Perception about Teachers in Managing Talents

Students’ Talent Management

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Abstract: Teaching professionals should ensure the effective identification of talents through individual consideration to enhance intellectual stimulation. It’s their responsibility to enhance learning experiences of students. Educational institutions should manage teaching professionals as corporate do. Talent Management Objectives such as Individual Consideration, Talent Development, and Students’ Engagement have been mapped against Student Outcomes such as Intellectual Stimulation, Morality Development, and Mental Health. Student Centred Learning (SCL), Personality Development, Integration into society, and the development of skills to gaining initial employment and maintaining it, and to be able to move within the labour market are the basic rights for the students from teachers. The best teachers have a good knowledge about the subject they are teaching, are always focused on what students should learn instead of what they want to teach, they induce curiosity by making the subject interesting and enhance students motivation, succeed in changing students life by developing values, not only the level of knowledge.

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1. INTRODUCTION

As we say that different teachers have their own ways of handling students still their basic duty is to give the best of what they have. A teacher is not only a guide to them but also an inspiration for the younger generation to go ahead with their dreams. Once we know what we really want to achieve, the presence of teacher acts as an impetus to the confidence, knowing someone has got our back, keeps us going strongly with the task at hand. Be it school or college, even if the methods are unconventional in case of some teachers, they know how to harness the best out of each student. This is where Psychology comes into play. Teachers need to understand where the students are falling short in their pursuit of the talent they possess. Be it mentally or emotionally, teachers have to make students strong enough to cope up with the pressure that comes along with it. Keeping the group of students together is important. The primary focus should be on what students are supposed to learn rather than what teachers want to teach. Teachers are required to induce curiosity by making their subject exciting and bring a change in pupils’ lives by inculcating values instead of keeping them restricted to just knowledge. Obviously, there are gaps which need to be bridged properly but for that teaching professionals should have a plethora of skill set to tackle such situations. Standards have to be set for this profession as well, which is as necessary as top quality products we want to use. Proper qualification adds more to the quality of teachers produced and it is a great asset for an educational institution. Basically, they should be way above the monetary gains of the job and as someone who is working towards the larger good of the society. Clear perspective and open thinking play a vital role in motivating students to go ahead with ambitions. After all, no dream is difficult to achieve and no job is unworthy. The more the experience, better will be the ideas of intellect. It is just not a market or industry but should be considered as profession worth respecting. They create engineers, doctors, corporate professionals

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by showing the path to their respective destinations. So every educational institution should manage the teachers as corporate industry does. They must be known by the type of students they produce. Quality matters more than quantity. If the teacher is oblivious to the needs and aspirations of his/her students then the person is doing more harm to the society than anyone else because it means that the person has failed to respect to the sanctity of the profession bestowed on him/her by the institution. Almost every institution has a group of people called as “Talent seekers” and their job is to select the people with the best skill set and required credentials so that they can mould the students’ career in a better way. In this regard, it becomes important they should work more towards on developing problem solving mechanisms amongst students and also in instilling a parent friendly approach. Only if talented professionals are hired, the hidden talent of Generation Z students can come out. Now there are certain outcomes of talent management of students. Like individual consideration is crucial as it gives a good scope of getting to know what a particular person wants to achieve. Then, students should be vocal about their problems and pressures they go through for this. Proper interaction stimulates good teacher-student relationship both at mental and social level. These things serve as catalyst in making of path breaking professionals who are capable enough to work in any type of environment and have an attitude to deal with bottlenecks in an efficient manner.

The heart of this research is to explore ways in enhancing teachers to teach college students. In order to go ahead with the purpose of the study, the following specific research objectives were made. It is important to establish the role Talent Management plays in the enhancement of employability skills of teachers. It needs to be ascertained that the skill gaps are to be bridged for effective teaching. It is important to create and establish a training design to impart necessary skills required for teachers. Institutions should make use of available resources for enhancing skill set of teachers.

2. FUZZY RELATIONAL MAPS (FRM)

Fuzzy logic is based on fuzzy set which was defined first by Zadeh. In the classical set theory, an element either belongs to that particular set or not. In fuzzy set theory, on the other hand, there is a certain level of being in a set which is called as membership levels. In fuzzy logic, 1 refers to the membership level and changes between 0 and 1. Here, 0 means no belonging whereas 1 means belonging to the set. For the element which has value between 0 and 1, this value represents the level of belonging to the set. In W.B. Vasantha et.al, a new notion called Fuzzy Relational Maps (FRMs) was introduced. To define a FRM, a domain space and a range space which are disjointing the sense of concepts is needed. The number of elements in the range space is not required to be equal to the number of elements in the domain space. In FRMs, the very causal associations are divided into two disjoint units such as the relationship between a teacher and a student. Further it is assumed that no intermediate relations are present within the domain element or node and the range space. In this article, two disjoint units are talent management objectives and student outcomes respectively. In FRMs, the elements of the domain space are taken from the real vector space of dimension n and that of the range space are real vectors from the vector dimension m (m in general need not be equal to n). R is denoted as the set of nodes R₁, …, Rₘ of the range space, where R = {(X₁, …, Xₘ)/Xⱼ = 0 or 1} for j = 1, 2, …, m. If Xⱼ = 1, it means that the node Rⱼ is basically in the OFF state. Similarly S represents the nodes S₁, S₂, …, Sₙ of the domain space, where S = {x₁, …, Xₙ/Xⱼ = 0 or 1} for i = 1, 2, …, n if Xᵢ = 1 it means that the node Sᵢ is in the ON state and if Xᵢ = 0 it means that the node Sᵢ is the OFF state.

3. LITERATURE REVIEW

In this coming age of competition, the role of teachers in bringing out the latent ambitions of Gen Z students has been garnering a lot of importance. Henceforth, it is necessary to have a proper analysis in relation with hiring the professionals which can harness the best out of their students. The educational institutions
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viz, schools and colleges are supposed to have a clear idea about in what way they want things to go ahead.

Nowadays, almost every institution possesses a group of people referred to as “Talent seekers”, whose task is to perform the much needed background research of the employees it is hiring before bestowing them with their jobs. Universities employ teachers on the basis of the skill and knowledge set but now other credentials like experience has been the primary focus that employers look for. In his book Strategic Management of Human Capital in Education, Allan Odden (2011) says, “The strategic needs for acquiring, developing, and retaining talent should flow from the education system’s improvement strategy.”

An enhanced job description promotes talent management in colleges in three ways:

- It guides the search committee by highlighting the desirable traits for each particular position.
- It can be used as a standard for search, as it moves to the final stages of selection and induction.
- The identified characteristics could be brought into an annual evaluation system to measure the relationship between the desired skills set cited in the job description and the annual performance of the newly hired staff member.

In current scenario, the students expectations from the universities is to help them through the job finding process and in building career in a profession they have always have dreamt of. But again we can find certain discrepancies in what they want from teachers and what they are provided with. These gaps in regulations are obviously needed to be looked into and dealt with utmost care properly. So, the following study was conducted in Romania universities by Monica Puscas, a PhD Candidate from National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (NUPSPA, Bucharest, 012104, Romania) and suggested the following findings that:

The criteria and indicators according to which teachers were evaluated is the subject to numerous studies that have attempted to determine which the variables that enable a teacher’s efficiency are.

Thus, Ken Brian completed in 2005, a 15-year study in which he examined the impact of teaching of 603 teachers considered to be appreciated. According to his research, the best teachers have a good knowledge of they are teaching; are always focusing on what students need to learn instead of what they desire to teach; they induce curiosity by making the subject interesting and rise students’ motivation; succeed in changing students’ lives by developing values, not only the level of knowledge; treat students with respect and trust (Brian, 2005).

Regarding what characteristics should an ideal type of teacher possess, resulted that almost 30% of the students mentioned that patience is an asset and 13% mentioned empathy and emotional intelligence as desired teaching skills.

Since it was an open question, it was interesting to find out other possible indicators which can steer them through the evaluation processes and to see whether the indicators selected in the following questions can be found among them. Hence, as this research reveals, students’ educational needs regarding teachers are mostly formal. Besides the indicators mentions above, the students consider that a teacher should be well organized, to have good communication abilities, to be able to spike the students’ interest for his subject, be objective when evaluating, and be creative and punctual, to show respect and openness, and to have a developed sense of humor.

In the end, it could be summed up that students have a preference for the type of teachers which rely more on soft skills and put more stress on developing friendly student-teacher relationship over the involvement in research.
4. DATA ANALYSIS

The following survey was conducted in order to understand the expectations Gen Z students have from their teachers in managing their talents. Around 260 students were interviewed and the data was analyzed in the following manner:

When we asked about the characteristics which define a teacher, 70% preferred having a knowledgeable, interactive teacher. While 20% of them went for a lenient and frank one. Also, 10% echoed about punctuality being an important trait needed. Most of the students argued that the qualification is not only the criteria but things like art of teaching, experience, interpersonal skills also matter. Out of a number of 224 questionnaires answered by students, 18% of students favoured art of teaching more, with 9.5% votes went to knowledge and teaching experience each. Here, 8% of them said that effective communication is a must. Others said that interaction, approachability, passion are also required. When it came down to their reaction towards teacher’s rude behavior, 41% students would just ignore that behavior as they think that their main purpose is to obey their faculty and gain knowledge so even if they get rude at times, it may be because of job pressure. While 14.5% would like to just quite still having hatred in their hearts whereas, 20% would lose interest in the subject. Here, around 8% would complain to higher authorities while the rest would try to talk to the faculty about it. Here, 14% students gave more priority to marks for selecting a teacher. 56% of them wanted a conceptual teacher. While the rest of the students went for both. As far as nature of the teacher is concerned, 9.2% students want a strict faculty, 60% were up for lenient one and the rest wanted both characteristics in their faculty.

In pursuit of their ambitions, 28% of the students see faculty guidance as a very important factor, whereas around 30% would go for encouragement and faculty’s motivation. Here, according to 16% students, faculty’s knowledge be it conceptual or practical holds the key in moulding their career. Rest of them, would go for teacher’s approachability and friendly nature for their pursuit. Students were quite willing to share their problems with their teachers with around 45% students were in the favour of seeking advice from them in relation with their personal as well professional problems. 36% pupils responded that it is better to keep their problems with themselves and not to the teachers. Rest of the lot was unsure about the whole situation. 50% of the students are of the belief that teachers can leave an impact on a student’s life by being inspirational because they are students’ role model in achieving success in their lives, and 50% see them as the morale boosting personalities, showing them correct path to their destinations. Almost 80% of the students see themselves as successful individuals in 10 years time whereas, 5% would go for research and the rest for entrepreneurship.
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Here we have taken matrix $M$ above and we have multiplied it with matrix $X$ to get $MX = Y$ as $[1, 1, 1]$. Here, in $X$ we have put $R_1$ on i.e., Individual consideration while others are off. On taking transpose of $M$, we multiply it with $Y$ to get $M_1Y = X_1$ as $[0, 0, 1]$. Again we take transpose of the $M_1$ to get $M_2$ and multiply it with $X_1$ to get $M_2X_1 = Y_1$ as $[1, 0, 0]$. Now we take transpose of $M_2$ to get $M_3$ and again multiply it with $Y_1$ to get $M_2Y_1 = X_2$ as $[1, 1, 1]$. So, we have found here that $Y = X_2$. This shows that individual consideration is a very important factor in determining the student outcomes. Here, it is important to consider each student individually for understanding and managing the talents in a better way.

5. FINDINGS

Based on the data analysis performed, we arrived at the following findings:

- A teacher should epitomize an ocean of knowledge with interaction with students being a key characteristic to define an ideal teacher.

- Qualification is not alone needed. With art of teaching and teaching experience, industrial knowledge becomes important in selection of faculty. The teacher who knows more than his/her subject about the current working environment, is required than the traditional ones.

- As seen, ignoring a faculty’s rude behavior, serves the best way to get away from any negativity that might crop up between the student and teacher following the bad attitude shown in class. While inner hatred is sometimes justified, it is better to stay silent than to give back in same fashion.

- Concepts are base of any subject. So running for concept does more good to students’ career prospects than just marks.

- Leniency is a key to establish a healthy student-teacher relationship. The more lenient is the teacher, the more are the chances of a student freely approaching him/her at the time of doubts.

- A teacher’s motivation and guidance can go a long way in showing correct path to the students in order to achieve their dreams.

- Sharing problems with elders brings out better solutions than just keeping to ourselves. However bad it gets, seeking a senior’s advice would reduce the stress if not completely solve it.

- A student’s morale is fragile. If boosted, the student succeeds otherwise he/she gets into a zone of inferiority complex where the person always considers others to be superior than him/her.

- In 10 years time, success of an individual would be measured by the amount of impact teachers have on the lives of students.

6. CONCLUSION

From the research conducted by us, we can say that teachers are an important link between students and success. In order to achieve their purpose, both the parties need to be equally involved so that things become easier for them. Teaching is an art which cannot be mastered by anyone except someone who can understand the psych of a student. Mutual understanding and friendly nature define an ideal student-teacher relationship. A teacher should just not restrict himself/herself to the knowledge but should have the ability to explore countless possibilities in order to bring out the best of his/her students. Teachers are defined by
the students they take. The better commitment they show towards their duties, the better will be the output they receive. As we say, “Like teacher, like students.”

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