

ABSTRACT

The main aim of this research work is focused on "Budgeting in Higher Institution of Learning in Nigeria "Federal Polytechnic, Okoh.

The project set out to examine the effectiveness and efficiency of budgeting system in order to evaluate the past, present and future performance and trends in Federal polytechnic, Okoh's system.

In this project work, 50 questionnaires were distributed randomly among the staff at the institution. There were 100% responses as records in chapter four.

Data were analysed using tables and percentage.

Finding were as follows:-

1. Confusion as to the purpose of budget
2. Lack of definite goals spelt out in budget
3. Use of technical jargons
4. Appropriate method to be used in high institutions
5. There is no control on performance.

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CHAPTER ONE INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

The practice of budgeting is as old as modern civilization and is central to effective management of learning resources. Most peoples, organisation, Institutions and companies will at one time or the other plan ahead, in terms of their activities and their available resources. This is done as a statement prepared and approved prior to a defined period of time, of the policy to be pursued during that period for the purpose of attaining a given objective. It serves as a quantitative expression of a plan of action and an aid to co-ordination and implementation.

As well as being a plan, a budget also act as a control against which actual performance can be evaluate. In order to make its decisions wisely, the management of federal polytechnic, Okoh and other higher institutions in Nigeria must have a vision about its future, and budget enhance that. Budget provides a rational and objective basis for allocation of scarce resources in that institution. With so many competing needs of the management, the school and students, with regard to their learning resources, the discipline of budgeting compels school management to be discreet in allocating limited resources to meet unlimited expenditure possibilities. This does not suggest the absence of sentimentality and irrationality but at least these are minimized.

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