



## **SCHOOL DROP-OUT OF NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL YEAR 2007-2008**

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This descriptive study determined the growing number of school drop-outs in the University which aimed to find out the main reasons for dropping out from the university, percentage of school drop-outs in SY 2007-2008 per college, total percentage of school drop-outs in SY 2007-2008 in all colleges combined, measures to bring back some of the students so as to increase enrollees and initiate activities to help reduce the number of dropouts in the future.

Total enumeration was done for the respondents. Data gathering instruments were CICT enrolment lists and Guidance Center records. Frequency and percentage were utilized to treat the data.

Results showed that out of 4,505 students, there were 918 who dropped out from the university. This consist 20.37 % of the expected enrollees in all colleges combined.

The main reasons for dropping were: parents could not afford high tuition and other fees; students getting low or failing marks; teachers were not considerate/ they were feared by students; and health reasons.

Based on the results, the study recommends that each college must be given a copy of the study so that all persons concerned would give a concerted effort to remedy the problem; telemarketing must be employed to convince drop-outs to come back to the university; guidance representatives in each college must help in scouting students with apparent problems to be endorsed to the guidance office as a preventive measure; home visitations must be done more frequently to ensure that students with problems are properly monitored; and the administration must review existing policies affecting prospective school leavers or create policies to be implemented to lessen the number of students dropping out of the university.

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