

Cost Reduction Strategy for Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria: A synthesis.

In the wake of global recession, reducing costs in the educational sector especially the tertiary level is vital for survival of this level of education in Nigeria. The paper focused on the cost reduction in tertiary institutions that will equip them to thrive in an increasingly competitive world. Tertiary education in Nigeria takes 40% of the total allocation to education yet there is the constant cry of inadequate funding. In the light of this, Cost reduction becomes a priority, and tertiary institutions in Nigeria may need to cut many costs to restore its developmental strides. In tertiary institutions, cost is determined by cost of instruction, costs associated with sponsored research or special activities cost of student living and cost of foregone earnings. To reduce cost of running tertiary institutions therefore, the study suggests and recommends that NUC recommendation of one support staff to three academic staff; to reduce cost of personnel which takes about 80% of funds allocated to education should be adhered to. Tertiary institutions should be operated as paperless institutions. This is to reduce cost of stationeries and there should be an adequate accounting system to help managers of tertiary education to be conscious of material wastages in the Nigerian educational system.