Impact of Management Development Strategy on Excellence Competition Using Performance as an Intervening Variable of the Private University under the LLDIKTI IX Area

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Abstract
This study aims to examine management development strategies for the excellence of private higher education in LLDIKTI IX. The sample in this study was 389 out of 17,589 lecturers working in 328 private universities in the LLDIKTI IX area. The statistical tools used for partial least square analysis with the Structural Equation Method and descriptive statistics. It was found that Development Academic, Curriculum Development, Support Career, and Development Education Have a significant impact on the Performance of Lecturers while Expansion of Education and Developing Competence have no significant impact. Development of Academics, Support Career, and Development of Education Have a significant impact and the Performance of Lecturers’ Excellence Competition, while Expansion of Education, Curriculum Development, and Developing Competence have no significant impact on the Excellence competition in private universities in the LLDIKTI IX area.

Keywords
Education; Management Strategy; Private University

1. INTRODUCTION

Success in building a tertiary institution in this super modern era is not only dependent on the performance of the tertiary institution but is also influenced by the external environment of the tertiary institution, namely the strategic environment where competition continues to occur. In carrying out its main mission and function, it requires both tangible and intangible resources that are also needed by other tertiary institutions to survive in the competition (Fred R. David, 2006).

In carrying out its main mission and function, higher education in its various forms (university, high school, and polytechnic), requires human resources both tangible and intangible which are also needed by other tertiary institutions. Universities also have to compete with other tertiary institutions in alleviating graduates produced, scientific products created, and various other things which are products that are needed and offered to the community. To obtain greater revenue each tertiary institution must compete to obtain as much funding as possible (Suardana & Prathama, 2021).

The dynamics of education in Indonesia are shaped by a multitude of factors, each playing a pivotal role in determining the success of a tertiary institution. Understanding the impact of management development strategies on the excellence competition of private universities in the LLDIKTI IX area is crucial for making strategic decisions that can help improve the performance of lecturers and contribute to the overall success of the university.
role in determining the performance of lecturers and the success of excellence competitions. From the expansion of educational opportunities to the continuous development of academic programs, curriculum enhancement, competence building, support for career growth, and overarching progress in education, these elements collectively influence the educational landscape. Understanding the interplay between these factors is essential for comprehending their impact on lecturer performance and excellent competition outcomes (Ninlawan & Areerachakul, 2015).

The expansion of educational opportunities has been a cornerstone of Indonesia’s educational development, aiming to increase access and inclusivity across all levels of education. As more students enter the education system, the demand for qualified lecturers grows, thereby impacting the quality of instruction and academic outcomes. Moreover, the development of academic programs, aligned with evolving educational standards and market demands, directly influences the expertise and competencies required of lecturers to deliver high-quality education (Damayanti et al., 2023).

Curriculum development plays a critical role in shaping the educational experience and learning outcomes of students. A well-designed curriculum that integrates relevant content, pedagogical approaches, and assessment methods not only enhances student learning but also guides lecturers in delivering effective instruction. Similarly, developing competence among lecturers through ongoing professional development initiatives ensures they remain abreast of best practices, pedagogical advancements, and subject matter expertise (Omar et al., 2023).

Support for career growth is instrumental in fostering lecturer motivation, job satisfaction, and professional advancement. Recognizing and rewarding lecturer contributions, providing opportunities for skill development, and offering pathways for career progression contribute to a positive work environment and, consequently, lecturer performance (Lucía et al., 2012).

Furthermore, the broader development of education, including initiatives aimed at improving infrastructure, access, and equity, creates an enabling environment for lecturer excellence. By addressing systemic challenges and investing in educational resources, policymakers can enhance lecturer performance and facilitate success in excellence competitions, ultimately driving the advancement of education in Indonesia (Absah et al., 2021).

**Expansion of education**

First of all, the diversification of educational services includes various types of educational services beyond traditional academic subjects. This can include extracurricular activities such as sports, art, music, drama, and community service, as well as special programs that cater to students with different learning styles or learning abilities. Research conducted by various institutions such as the Ministry of Education and Culture (Kemendikbud) and the Research and Development Agency (Balitbang) shows that participation in extracurricular activities is positively related to increased academic achievement, increased self-esteem, and better social skills among students (Dehtjare & Uzule, 2023).

In conclusion, empirical research provides convincing evidence for expanding educational opportunities for students to obtain diversified educational services. By offering a variety of academic, extracurricular, and special programs, schools can improve student learning outcomes, promote equity and inclusion, and prepare them for success in an increasingly diverse and dynamic world. This holistic approach to education recognizes each student's unique talents, interests, and needs, ultimately contributing to the development of individuals who are well-rounded and ready to thrive in society (Fu et al., 2023).

**Development Academic**

Developing academic, professional, and survival skills for students with disabilities in Indonesia is an important challenge in ensuring inclusion and equal access to education. In this context, several theoretical foundations form the basis for developing inclusive education strategies for students with
disabilities (Batanero et al., 2022).

Theoretical basis:

a. Educational Inclusion Theory:

This theory states that every individual, including students with disabilities, has the right to have full access and be actively involved in education. The principle of educational inclusion encourages the development of learning environments that support diversity, without discrimination, and provide appropriate support for the needs of all students (Print & Murray, 1988).

b. Ecological Systems Theory Model:

This theory emphasizes the importance of understanding the influence of the social, physical, and cultural environment on individual development. In the context of inclusive education for students with disabilities, this approach emphasizes the important role of the school environment, support from teachers and peers, as well as support from family and community in creating a supportive environment for student development (Grant, 1999).

c. Self-Determination Theory:

This theory emphasizes the importance of giving individuals control and autonomy over their own lives and decisions. In an educational context, providing students with disabilities the opportunity to choose, control, and manage their learning process can increase their motivation, independence, and self-confidence (Cronbach, 2011).

d. Academic Skills Development:

To develop academic skills for students with disabilities, individualization and differentiation approaches in learning are key. Learning strategies that provide support tailored to individual needs, such as curriculum modifications, multisensory accessible learning materials, and support from accompanying teachers, can help students reach their academic potential. (Turnbull et al., 2006).

By implementing an inclusive approach based on a strong theoretical foundation and support from various parties, the development of academic, professional, and survival skills for students with disabilities in Indonesia can become more effective and sustainable. These steps will help create an inclusive and supportive educational environment for all students, regardless of their background or abilities (Strauser, 2014); (Carter et al., 2012).

Education and Training

Curriculum development and learning processes for university students in Indonesia are key aspects in improving the quality of higher education and preparing students to face challenges in the professional world. An approach based on theoretical foundations and supported by empirical evidence can help universities design effective and relevant learning experiences for students (Stickley et al., 2017).

Theoretical basis:

a. Constructivist Learning Theory:

This theory emphasizes that effective learning occurs when students are actively involved in building their understanding through reflection, discussion, and direct experience. In the context of university curriculum development, a constructivist approach encourages the development of a curriculum that focuses on student-centered learning, where students are allowed to explore, deepen, and apply concepts actively (Stefani et al., 2002).

b. Experiential Learning Theory:

This theory emphasizes the importance of direct experience in the learning process. Students learn
more effectively when they are involved in situations or projects that are relevant to the real world, where they can experience the concepts being studied directly. In the development of university learning processes, an experience-based learning approach promotes active, collaborative and reflective learning (Stefani et al., 2002).

Curriculum development and learning processes for university students in Indonesia require a holistic and evidence-based approach. By integrating theoretical foundations such as constructivism and experience-based learning, and supported by relevant empirical research, universities can design learning experiences that are student-oriented, relevant to the world of work, and have a positive impact on student learning outcomes. This will help create graduates who are ready to face challenges in the world of work and make a significant contribution to the development of Indonesian society and economy (Ninlawan & Areerachakul, 2015; Tjong et al., 2016; Hattie & Timperley, 2007; Fowles-Sweet et al., 2018).

**Developing the competence of lecturers and education staff**

Developing the competence of lecturers and education staff in Indonesia is very important in facing the dynamics and challenges in the world of education which continues to develop. The background to this development effort can be understood through a theoretical review and understanding of the conditions of education in Indonesia.

**Theoretical Background:**

a. Continuous Learning Theory (Continuous Learning):

This theory emphasizes the importance of education and professional development as a continuous process throughout life. Lecturers and education staff need to continue to improve their competence through formal and informal learning to be able to respond to changes in educational and technological demands (Mesuwini & Mokoena, 2024).

b. Transformational Model in Education:

This model refers to a paradigm shift in education from a traditional approach to an approach that is more innovative, collaborative, and responsive to students’ needs. Lecturers and education staff need to develop new competencies, such as digital literacy, technology-based skills, and the ability to adapt to changes in the learning environment (Hurriyati et al., 2011).

Developing the competence of lecturers and education staff in Indonesia is very important in facing changes and challenges in the dynamic world of education. By adopting a continuous learning approach, implementing a transformational model in education, and accommodating local educational conditions, lecturers and education staff can play a more effective role in providing quality and relevant educational services for students in Indonesia. Read textbooks, references, and other print media. (Bahri et al., 2023); (Mesuwini & Mokoena, 2024); (Dehtjare & Uzule, 2023); (Hamid et al., 2023).

**Support Career**

Support for the career paths of lecturers and education staff in Indonesian universities is essential for fostering professional development, enhancing teaching quality, and promoting academic excellence. This support can be understood through a theoretical lens and empirical studies that highlight the importance of ongoing training, career advancement opportunities, and recognition of contributions (Martínez et al., 2011).

**Theoretical Background:**

a. Career Development Theory:

Career development theories emphasize the importance of continuous learning and skill enhancement for individuals to progress in their careers. According to Super’s theory of career
development, individuals go through stages of exploration, establishment, maintenance, and disengagement throughout their careers. Providing support for career paths helps educators navigate these stages effectively (Rahyasih et al., 2019).

b. Organizational Support Theory:

Organizational support theory posits that employees' perceptions of support from their organization influence their job satisfaction, commitment, and performance. Providing career development opportunities and recognition for achievements can enhance employees' sense of support and commitment to the institution (Rahyasih et al., 2019).

In conclusion, supporting the career paths of lecturers and education staff in Indonesian universities is vital for promoting teaching quality, enhancing job satisfaction, and retaining talent. By drawing on theoretical insights from career development and organizational support theories and empirical evidence from studies on professional development, career advancement, and recognition systems, universities can design effective support programs that empower educators to thrive in their careers and contribute to academic excellence (Dally et al., 2020; Kusumawati et al., 2023; Palupiningtyas et al., 2022).

**Development of Education**

Developing an inclusive education system for students with disabilities and those from underprivileged backgrounds in Indonesia is crucial for promoting equal access to education and ensuring that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential. This endeavor can be understood through a theoretical lens and empirical studies that highlight the importance of inclusive policies, targeted interventions, and supportive environments (Rahyasih et al., 2019).

Theoretical Background:

a. Inclusive Education Theory:

Inclusive education theory advocates for the provision of quality education that caters to the diverse needs of all students, regardless of their abilities, backgrounds, or circumstances. According to UNESCO's Salamanca Statement, inclusive education is based on the principles of equity, participation, and respect for diversity. Creating an inclusive education system requires removing barriers to learning, providing appropriate support services, and fostering a culture of acceptance and belonging within schools (Daddow et al., 2023).

b. Social Justice Theory:

Social justice theory emphasizes the importance of addressing systemic inequalities and promoting equal opportunities for all members of society. In the context of education, social justice requires addressing disparities in access, quality, and outcomes to ensure that every student has the chance to succeed. Developing an education system that caters to students with disabilities and those from low-income families aligns with the principles of social justice by addressing barriers to education and promoting equitable access (Espinel et al., 2019).

In conclusion, developing an inclusive education system for students with disabilities and those from underprivileged backgrounds in Indonesia is essential for promoting equity, social justice, and academic excellence. By drawing on theoretical frameworks such as inclusive education and social justice theory, as well as empirical evidence from studies on the impact of inclusive policies, targeted interventions, and supportive environments, policymakers and educators can work towards creating a more inclusive and equitable education system that benefits all students (Shpigelman et al., 2021; Hamid et al., 2023; Jones et al., 2007).

**Performance of Lecturer & Staff**

Understanding the performance of lecturers and staff in Indonesian universities involves
examining various factors that contribute to their effectiveness, job satisfaction, and overall contribution to academic excellence. This can be explored through theoretical frameworks and empirical studies that shed light on the dynamics of higher education institutions.

Theoretical Background:

a. Human Capital Theory:

Human capital theory posits that investments in education, training, and professional development contribute to the productivity and performance of individuals in the workforce. In the context of higher education, lecturers and staff who possess relevant knowledge, skills, and competencies are better equipped to fulfill their roles effectively and contribute to institutional goals (Dwita et al., 2022).

b. Organizational Behavior Theory:

Organizational behavior theory examines how individual and group behavior within organizations influences organizational effectiveness. Factors such as leadership, motivation, job satisfaction, and organizational culture play critical roles in shaping the performance of employees. Understanding these dynamics can inform strategies for enhancing performance and fostering a positive work environment (Marri & Sadozai, 2015).

In conclusion, understanding the performance of lecturers and staff in Indonesian universities requires consideration of various theoretical frameworks and empirical evidence. By addressing factors such as workload, leadership, organizational culture, and professional development, universities can create an enabling environment that supports lecturer and staff performance and contributes to academic excellence and institutional success (Yusuf et al., 2019); (Dwita et al., 2022); (Resmi & Mekarsari, 2017); (Damayanti et al., 2023).

Excellence Competition

In Indonesia, excellence competitions among universities serve as platforms for recognizing and promoting academic achievement, innovation, and institutional excellence. These competitions often encompass various areas such as research, teaching quality, student performance, and community engagement. Empirical studies shed light on the impact of these competitions on university performance and outcomes (Dwita et al., 2022).

In conclusion, empirical evidence highlights the positive impact of excellence competitions on university performance, innovation, and collaboration in Indonesia. By fostering a culture of excellence, encouraging continuous improvement, and facilitating collaboration, these competitions play a crucial role in advancing the quality and competitiveness of higher education institutions in the country (Damayanti et al., 2023); (Harahap et al., 2020); (Goodall et al., 2022).

2. METHODS

Sample

The sample in this study is purposive sampling 389 out of 17,589 lecturers working in 328 private universities in area IX LLDIKTI. The sample size is calculated from the Slovin formula of the population of all lecturers in area IX LLDIKTI. The research tool used to collect data was a questionnaire for lecturers working at 328 universities, polytechnics, and institutions in region IX LLDIKTI. It is divided into two parts as follows:

Part 1: Foundation Lecturer,

Part 2: DPK and LB Lecturers
Conceptual Framework for this research is.

![Figure 1. Conceptual Framework](image)

X1: Expansion of educational opportunities for students to receive diverse education services as a whole,

X2: Development of academic, professional, and survival skills for students with disabilities

X3: Curriculum development and learning process development for students (MBKM),

X4: Developing the competence of lecturers and education staff to serve effectively,

X5: Support for the career paths of lecturers and education staff, and

X6: Development of an education system for Students with disabilities and students who cannot afford scholarships.

Y1: Performance of Lecturers

Y2: Excellence Competition

**Data Collection**

In this study, researchers collected the following data:

a. The researcher sent a questionnaire in the form of a Google form asking for cooperation from 389 lecturers who work at 328 private universities in region IX LLDIKTI. in data collection. Questionnaires were coded for collection purposes.

b. Researchers collected questionnaires in 4 weeks. The number of questionnaires is 400 copies in the form of google form,

c. Researchers check the correctness and completeness of the questionnaire before evaluating it. Incomplete ones were deleted and the questionnaire was then resubmitted to get the correct amount.
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**Data Analysis**

This study uses quantitative methods of research, which is the Structural Equation Model or SEM, where the component content is Expansion, Development of Academics, Curriculum Development, Developing Competence, Support Career, Development of Education, Performance of lecturers and Excellence competition and using SmartPLS 4.0 for processing the data, we use structural Equation Model to provide the validation of indicator who construct by variable and to know how the relationship between the variable.

### 3. FINDINGS AND DISCUSSIONS

**Test Validity & Reliability**

There are two types of validity in PLS-SEM: convergent validity and discriminatory validity. Convergence validity means that a set of indicators represents one latent variable which is the underlying variable. These representations can be demonstrated through unidimensionality that can be expressed using extracted variance averages (AVE). The AVE value is at least 0.5. This value represents an adequate convergence validity which means that one latent variable can explain more than half the variants of its indicators on average.

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<td>0.618</td>
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The reliability test is used to measure whether a respondent’s answer is consistent or stable over time. If the respondent is consistent in answering the questions in the questionnaire, then the data is reliable. Something the construct or variable is said to be reliable if the Smart-PLS statistical test gives a value of $\alpha > 0.60$.

**Table 3. Reliability Test**

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Source: Data Processed 2024

**Structural Equation Model**

![Smart-PLS Results Framework](image)

**Figure 1. Smart-PLS Results Framework**
The results of the research based on Figure 1 show that the Expansion of education has a positive and insignificant effect on the performance of lecturers, while the expansion of education has a negative and insignificant effect on Excellence of Competition.

The results of the study also show that Development academic has a positive and insignificant effect on the performance of lecturers, while Development academic has a positive and significant effect on Excellence of Competition. These results indicate that Development academic has no significant impact on the Performance of lecturers.

The results of the study also show that Curriculum development has a positive and significant effect on the performance of lecturers, while Curriculum development has a negative and insignificant effect on the Excellence of Competition, these results indicate that Curriculum development has a significant impact on the Performance of lecturers, however, Curriculum development has a negative impact towards excellence competition.

The results of the study also show that Developing Competence has a positive and insignificant effect on the performance of lecturers while Developing Competence has a positive and insignificant effect on Excellence in Competition. These results indicate that Developing Competence has no significant impact on the Performance of lecturers.

The results of the study also show that a Support Career has a positive and significant effect on the performance of lecturers, while a Support Career has a negative and significant effect on Excellence of Competition. These results indicate that Career Support does not have an impact on the Performance of lecturers towards excellence competition.

The results of the study also show that Development Education has a positive and significant effect on the performance of lecturers. Development Education also has a positive and significant effect on Excellence of Competition. These results indicate that Development Education has a significant impact on the Performance of lecturers and excellence competition.

The results of the study also show that the Performance of the Lecturer has a positive and significant effect on the Excellence Competition.

Discussion

The findings of the study shed light on the complex interplay between different factors influencing both the performance of lecturers and excellence competition within educational institutions. One of the key observations is the varying impact of different factors on these two aspects.

It's intriguing to note that while expansion of education and developing competence appear to have no significant effects on either the performance of lecturers or excellence competition, other factors such as development academic, curriculum development, support career, and development education show noteworthy impacts this result it's different with results research by (Hartatik, 2023).

The positive and significant effect of development academic on excellence competition suggests that efforts directed towards enhancing academic development not only improve the performance of lecturers but also contribute positively to the competitive landscape within the educational sector. This finding underscores the importance of investing in the continuous improvement of academic skills and knowledge among educators to maintain competitiveness, this result is similar to the results research by (Damayanti et al., 2023).

Similarly, the positive and significant impact of curriculum development on the performance of lecturers highlights the pivotal role of well-designed curricula in fostering effective teaching practices and ultimately improving lecturer performance. However, the negative effect of curriculum development on excellence competition raises questions about the potential trade-offs between standardized curricula aimed at improving teaching quality and the need for innovation and
differentiation to stay competitive, this result has similar results research by (Dilham et al., 2022).

The results also emphasize the critical role of supporting career initiatives in enhancing the performance of lecturers, as evidenced by their positive and significant effect. However, the negative impact of support careers on excellence competition suggests that while career support programs may boost individual performance, they might inadvertently hinder the overall competitive dynamics within the academic landscape. This dichotomy underscores the importance of striking a balance between supporting individual career growth and fostering a competitive environment conducive to innovation and excellence, this result is similar to the results of research by (Mporananayo & Andala, 2018); (Hatta, 2022).

Perhaps the most encouraging finding is the positive and significant effect of development education on both the performance of lecturers and excellence competition. This suggests that investments in comprehensive educational development programs yield dual benefits by not only improving the quality of teaching but also fostering a culture of excellence and competitiveness among educators, this result is similar to the results research by (Palupiningtyas et al., 2022).

Furthermore, the identified positive relationship between the performance of lecturers and excellence competition underscores the notion that high-performing educators play a crucial role in driving institutional competitiveness. This highlights the importance of recognizing and rewarding excellence in teaching as a means to incentivize continuous improvement and maintain a competitive edge in the education sector, this result is similar to results research by (Mujiburrahman et al., 2022).

4. CONCLUSION

Based on the findings, it's clear that various factors impact both lecturer performance and excellence competition in educational settings. To conclude succinctly, the study highlights the importance of investing in academic development, curriculum design, support career initiatives, and comprehensive educational programs. These investments positively influence lecturer performance and contribute to maintaining competitiveness within the educational landscape. However, it's crucial to balance individual support with fostering a competitive environment to ensure both personal growth and institutional excellence. Recognizing and rewarding high-performing educators further enhances institutional competitiveness, emphasizing the significance of incentivizing excellence in teaching. Therefore, a nuanced approach that addresses the diverse influences on lecturer performance and excellence competition is essential for promoting continuous improvement and success in educational institutions.

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