STUDENT 5 INTERVIEW

**SECTION B: INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

**Have you ever missed classes?**

Yes, I have missed classes.

**If yes, what could be the reason?**

OK, there are so many reasons that make me to be absent in class. Let me start with the first one, that is peer pressure. Uhh, lots of friends uh can influence me to Bunk the classes or to absent myself into the glass, sometimes we will go to watch movies or go for food and then we don’t come back to class. The other one that is lack of motivation. If I’m doing the course that I don’t like, then that is not motivating me to come to school. The other one, sometimes I find myself in the situation whereby I’m having menstruation pains, the terrible pain can make me not to come to school. The other reason is the transport money, sometimes I don’t have money to come to school. Hey some of us we are provided with the bursary that is NSFAS and then uh money for transport they don’t uh give us money for transport so that makes us to Bunk classes or absent ourselves into the class. I am also having kids, sometimes they get sick and then I absent myself in the class.

**Are those the only reasons**?

No, ma’am, let me continue. NSFAS funding, sometimes they don’t give us uhm money or the funds on time. The funds came late then this won’t motivate us to come to class. Some of the lectures attitude in class make me to be absent in class.

**what could be that can you elaborate more on the letter of attitude**?

OK sometimes you come in class prepared for the lesson then you find yourself being alone in that class and some of the lecturers are so lazy to teach and or to lecture one student. Then family problem is another one, I’m married with kids sometimes the husband gets sick and also the kids, sometimes we find ourselves having a funeral so that will make us not to come to class. The last one is the student's attitude towards the lecturer or the subject. Sometimes we are given presentations in class, then most of the students uh don’t like to present which can make most students absent from class. thank you OK thank you so yeah answering the questions to the best of ability.

**why do you think it is important not to miss classes**?

OK, eeeh, it is important to come to class so that you cannot miss the content that is taught, then the other reasons if I missed the classes I will be left behind we are having subject or the practical subject like computer, if you miss one class then you will be left behind then it is also important not to absent yourself in the class so that you can obtain 80% attendance so that you can qualify for the exam and the NSFAS funds.

**what do you think could be done to increase student attendance?**

OK, if the NSFAS funding can be facilitated one time, OK meaning that sometimes you get yourself you don’t have money and then the NSFAS funding come late and then I don’t have money to come to school. Then if the school or the college can provide transport and for example the bus. If the school can provide busses for the students than can motivate us to come to class. Lecturers must motivate the student to have a good attitude towards their subjects and lecturers must attend classes on time and also stick to the syllabus.

**what is happening in class when you talk about lecturers coming to class being on time and sticking to the syllabus just give me the scenario of what is happening or when you say that?**

OK sometimes you as a student try to be punctual because at the beginning of the semester they give us the classroom rules of which one of them is be punctual but sometimes you find some of the lecturer come late, maybe 10 minutes late, 15 minutes late or 30 minutes late. So that is the problem because they give us the rules but they don’t stick to the rules. **Then concerning the syllabus?** OK some of the uh, in some of the subjects, lecturers don’t stick to the syllabus. Ok, let me give you the scenario, maybe the lecturer comes to class the whole period he/she is busy lecturing or busy talking about his/her home, his kids and the cars that he drives, that is not part of the syllabus. Lecturers must improve and stick to the syllabus.

**Are you aware of the attendance policy as it is applicable to you as a student**?

Yes, I am aware ma’am.

**What does the policy say?**

The policy says that each and every student must obtain 80% attendance so that they can qualify for exam and for the bursary.

**How does the management deal with poor attendance?**

ah since I am here at the college, I didn’t see the management dealing with poor attendance. They don’t do anything**.**