

Egyptian Public Universities' Visions and Missions: An Analytical Study

Abstract:

The current study aimed at identifying the different types of universities in the world, and then, identifying the origin and development of the Egyptian University as well as its diversity and association with its society through analyzing the visions and missions of a representative sample. The study used the analytical descriptive method. And the results of the study revealed that most of the foreign universities that were used as a study sample have specialized in one field of knowledge that focused mostly on application, with the aim of connecting the university with the community to help in its development. On the other hand, as for the Egyptian universities that were used as a study sample, in spite of the diversity of the local communities in Egypt, - in terms of development potentials and capabilities - the visions of the regional universities did not reflect this nature. That is, the visions of (17) universities of the study sample focused on the traditional functions of the university such as teaching, scientific research and community service. Therefore, we rarely find a regional university that has developed a new knowledge area related to its environment in order to help in developing its society. In addition, most of the universities' missions have focused on preparing a graduate who is equipped with knowledge in various disciplines and able to participate in the development of his/her society. The results also revealed that, the mission of the university in general, as a moral charter of vision, was consistent with the vision and explained it. The study also introduced a number of recommendations and suggestions, among which was the adoption of the productive university model, the professional university model and the university of companies model.

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