

7.8 Suggestions for Producing Competent and More Employable Graduates

Table 7.8 presents the given suggestions to produce competent and more employable graduates in the future. About 24.7% (n=1055) of the graduates suggested improved academic system to achieve this. The graduates stated that:

“More practical and knowledge”; “Teach students with course that follow the industry line nowadays”; “Better curriculum in addressing the demands of the market in terms of workforce and skills/knowledge required” ; “More training in the clinic and clinical based lectures”; “Encourage leadership and team building as when we graduate, not only will our grades help us find good jobs, but our communication skills, management skills and self-conduct as well will take us higher towards better job opportunities.”; “More on practice work which relate to their job scope and expertise such as vocational activity.”; “Good communication skills in English”

It was also suggested (5.4%, n=232) that the programmes should promote positive attitudes amongst students. This includes suggestions such as:

“The willingness to learn new thing and work, and the knowledge needed for the said job”; “Attitude and skills are important elements beside knowledge and academic achievement”; “Always brave to stand on your thought with tolerance and consideration”.

In addition, employability of graduates is also deemed to be influenced by career workshop and seminar (3.7%, n=157). They suggested that:

“To provide career fair and help student to be more confident with their ability.”; “Expose the students about the working environment as same as they learn the theory in classes”; “Organise and provide more workshop for students.”

Table 7.8: IUM Graduates' Suggestions for Producing Competent and More Employable Graduates

Suggestions for Competent and Employable Graduates
Soft Skills and Competency
Improve Academic System
Good/Positive Attitude
Career Workshop and Seminar
Integration and Intercultural
Others/Irrelevant Comments
No Comments
Overall