An Analysis of the Current Situation and Causes of the Journals of Colleges and Universities for Nationalities*

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The Journal of national colleges and universities is the window of teaching and scientific research. Only by improving the quality of the journal can we better serve the teaching and scientific research of the journal. Therefore, this paper tries to find out the causes of the problems from the management system, the academic status, the source of manuscripts and the editors themselves, so as to improve the quality of the journals.

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I. Introduction

Mr. Wang Yanan, a famous educator, once said that when you look at a university, you should mainly look at three things: first, look at the faculty; second, look at the journal; third, look at the library (Fu, 2017, p. 67). The Journal of Ethnic Colleges and universities is a unique force in the journals of colleges and universities for nationalities (Liu, 2018, p. 34). It plays an important role in teaching, scientific research, personnel training and academic exchange in ethnic universities. It is a school card, which can not only promote the discipline construction of the school, but also help to cultivate teachers’ scientific research ability. However, there are some problems in the current development of the journals of ethnic universities, such as the lack of vitality in the management system, the low academic status of journals, the scarcity of high-quality manuscripts, and the low quality of editors. In this regard, this paper finds out the reasons for these problems through analysis and research, so as to improve the quality of journals of ethnic universities.

II. From the Management System of Journal

2.1 The Management System Lacks Vitality

In the “notice on printing and distributing the project implementation plan of philosophy and Social Sciences in Colleges and universities of the Ministry of education”, the Ministry of education proposed that one of the conditions for the selection of famous journals is: “adhere to reform and innovation, establish an open concept of running journals, form a practical and feasible mechanism for running journals, establish a scientific and efficient management system and operation mechanism, and enhance the vitality and competitiveness of Journals” (Dong, 2007, p. 111). The management system of the university journal is rigid, some ideas are out of

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date, the overall running state of the journal is not good, and the editors are marginalized. Under the traditional thinking of running journals, the journals of Ethnic Colleges and universities are still in a closed and semi closed management system, which makes the editorial department of the journals in a state of waiting for nothing. The current situation reflected by the journals of Ethnic Colleges and universities is not combined with the local economy and culture, and the content is not convincing, let alone providing a reason for the development of local economy and culture. This kind of satisfied with the current situation, outdated ideas of the mode and methods of running journals can not keep up with the development of the times, lack of initiative and service concept in editing work, which leads to the overall poor running state of journals of Ethnic Colleges and universities and the marginalization of editors.

2.2 The Reasons for the Problems Existing in the Management System

From the point of view of school leaders in Minzu University, the school leaders do not pay enough attention to the journal, and there is deviation in the concept of running the journal. They think that the editors only do the simple work of “sending articles”, and there is a gap between the evaluation of professional titles and the “front-line teachers” of the University, which seriously affects the enthusiasm of journal editors. From the work of the editorial department of ethnic universities, editors often only choose from the mailbox or the editing system when organizing contributions. They do not really go out and go out about “big draft” and “cattle draft”, which leads to poor quality of manuscript sources. In reviewing and proofreading manuscripts, we need to adhere to the principles of “three reviews, three proofreading and one reading” and “anonymous peer review system” and the structure of the article itself. The form should be further refined. At the same time, in the process of using manuscripts, it is also necessary to jump out of the academic strange circle of “human relations manuscript”, “money draft” and “relationship draft”. Because there are some “human relations manuscript”, “relationship draft” and “money draft” in the Journal of National Colleges and universities, which affect the quality of the journal, it is necessary to jump out of this academic circle and establish a strict peer review mechanism to ensure the academic quality of each column manuscript quality.

III. From the Academic Position of the Journal

3.1 The Academic Status of Journals of Colleges and Universities for Nationalities is Generally Low

As an academic journal, the journals of Ethnic Colleges and universities are generally lack of originality, low impact factors and individual journals. The contents are often the same, and the articles published later are not new. “The unique characteristic of journals is that they can surpass many others and become a unique one "in the unity of content and form, which is a unique style mark of the differences between journals” (Peng, 2017, p. 101). However, in terms of form, the format of article layout implemented in recent years has not made more journals lose their characteristics. They are all arranged in accordance with the unified format, which leads to the lack of individuality in the form of journals. In terms of content, some ethnic colleges and universities still set up characteristic columns in order to highlight the characteristics of the columns. Although it has a certain impact in the academic circles, the low impact factors still make the journal difficult to become a big climate.
3.2 The Reasons for the Low Academic Status of Journals in Colleges and Universities for Nationalities

The poor quality of manuscripts and the lack of novelty are the main reasons for the low academic status of journals. Because most of the journals of Ethnic Colleges and universities are general public publications, which are not core journals, the number of manuscripts is large and the academic level is relatively low. For various reasons, local ethnic colleges and universities have to adopt some such articles in order to officially publish the journal. The final result is that the articles in the journal are extracted, reprinted and reprinted by other journals and other authors. The opportunity of index will be greatly reduced, so it will directly affect the quality of journals. Moreover, due to the small circulation and narrow scope of journals of ethnic universities, the impact factor is low, the reprint is less, and the academic status is low.

IV. From the Source of Manuscripts of Journals of Colleges and Universities for Nationalities

4.1 Lack of the Source of Manuscripts of Journals

Journals of Ethnic Colleges and universities are generally from the school, rarely using the mechanism of soliciting contributions. Journals of Ethnic Colleges and universities are nominally the window of teaching and scientific research, but actually become “campus journal”, which is a fast platform for teachers to complete scientific research tasks and improve their professional titles. However, most of the teachers in Colleges and universities are engaged in theoretical research of a certain discipline, and have little time to contact with the outside world and use field research check and write the first-hand high-quality content. The so-called “a clever woman can’t make a meal without rice”. From this point of view, the lack of high-quality manuscript source is the key to restrict the development of journals of ethnic universities.

4.2 Reasons for the Scarcity of High Quality Manuscripts

From the perspective of the journal itself, first, the journal is short of funds. A journal needs a certain amount of financial support from its publication to distribution. However, the journal funding of ethnic universities is usually very limited, and it is impossible to carry out the “soliciting contributions” mechanism; second, there is a lack of mechanism for soliciting contributions, which is definitely with “experts” and “experts”. Generally, the contributions of “everyone” and “experts” are of high quality and academic outlook. At the same time, mainly from the current academic evaluation system, most universities and scientific research institutions in the recognition of scientific research achievements and promotion of professional titles are judged on the basis of the grade of the papers published by teachers. The academic level of the core journals and the three major retrieval sources (SCI, EI, ISTP) has been discussed, and the academic level of the general ethnic groups has been discussed. The journals of colleges and universities, such as journals, are not paid attention to, and they are only regarded as general grades in the appraisal of scientific research achievements, which seriously affects the enthusiasm of the authors to contribute to the general journals of Ethnic Colleges and universities.

V. From the Perspective of Journal Editors Themselves

5.1 Editors’ Professional Quality Needs to be Improved

The scope of editing activities of editors of journals in ethnic universities is basically limited to the campus, even in the narrow space of the editorial department (Yu, 2005, p. 43). Editors are completed in the
editorial department from reviewing, organizing, finalizing and finally publishing. There is a lack of investigation and research on the cutting-edge knowledge of society and the needs of readers, that is, “they are far away from” understanding the world, inheriting civilization, innovating theory, and supporting political education (Zhu, 2019, p. 56) in order to improve the quality of journals, we must establish a high-quality professional editorial team in ethnic universities. At the same time, because most of the editors in ethnic universities have no professional editing background and professional editing knowledge, the editing and proofreading quality of journals is not high, which affects the overall level of journals.

5.2 The Reason for Editors Need to Improve Their Professional Quality

Journal editors should give full play to the main role in the journal, not only to study the editing business, but also to specialize in technology. Journal editors need to have their own academic background, that is to say, journal editors should be scholarly in order to judge and proofread manuscripts better. The editorial departments of Ethnic Colleges and universities are often short of staff and work without certificates. Moreover, the editorial team is unstable and there is a large flow of personnel. The only few editors in the editorial department are busy with handling a large number of manuscripts every day. Therefore, few personnel are sent to participate in training to improve their professional skills, Or the training time of one year is less than 72 hours, which makes it difficult to improve the professional level of editors, thus affecting the editing and proofreading quality of academic journals.

Conclusion

In a word, there are many factors that restrict the development of the journals of Ethnic Colleges and universities. Starting from the management system, academic status, manuscript source and professional quality of editors, we can find out the reasons and find out the gap. Through the functional orientation of Ethnic Colleges and universities, we can work out the regulations that are in line with the development of the journals of Ethnic Colleges and universities To improve the management system of journals of ethnic universities, enhance the academic status of journals, improve the quality of manuscripts, strengthen the professional quality and ability training of editors, so as to realize the real development of journals of Ethnic Colleges and universities, so as to improve the quality of journals of ethnic universities.

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