A Predictive Model of Faculty Composition and Student Enrollment in Philippine Public HEIs: Exploring Differential Effects through Quantile Regression

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Abstract — This study investigates the differential effects of faculty size, faculty composition—specifically the proportion of faculty with bachelor's and master's/doctoral degrees—and institutional type (university or college) on student enrollment across various quantiles in Philippine public higher education institutions. A quantile regression model was developed to capture the heterogeneity in the impact of these variables at different points in the enrollment distribution. The results reveal that an increase in faculty number has a significant positive effect on student enrollment at the 50th and 90th quantiles (p-value < 0.01), indicating that larger faculties are particularly influential in mid-to-high enrollment institutions. Furthermore, the proportion of faculty with master's or doctoral degrees positively affects enrollment at all quantiles, with the strongest influence found at higher quantiles (p-value < 0.01), emphasizing the importance of faculty qualifications for attracting more students. The model also shows that institutional type significantly moderates these effects, with universities demonstrating more substantial growth in enrollment linked to faculty qualifications compared to colleges. These findings underscore the importance of tailored, data-driven policy interventions that focus on expanding faculty qualifications and numbers, especially at higher enrollment levels, to enhance access and quality in Philippine higher education. The developed model effectively captures the nuanced relationships across the enrollment spectrum, providing a valuable tool for policy formulation.

Keywords — Faculty Size (Number), Faculty Qualification (Composition), Institutional Type, Student Enrollment, Quantile Regression, Higher Education Policy

I. Introduction

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Philippines form a cornerstone of national development, providing the foundation for a skilled workforce capable of meeting the demands of a rapidly changing global economy. As the country continues to progress, the higher education sector faces increasing pressures to expand access, improve quality, and ensure equitable distribution of resources among diverse regions and socio-economic groups (Ching & Kho, 2019).

Public HEIs, in particular, bear the central responsibility of promoting inclusive growth and reducing disparities in education access, especially amid the widening socio-economic gap.

Over the past decade, the Philippines has witnessed a substantial increase in higher education enrollment. According to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the total student population in public higher education institutions (HEIs) grew substantially from 2015 to 2021, driven by policy reforms such as the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act (RA 10931), enacted in 2017. This law expanded financial assistance to students, thus making higher education more accessible, especially for marginalized sectors (De Guzman & Cruz, 2018). Such policies have contributed to increased enrollment, but they have also placed additional demands on public institutions to manage their faculty and resources effectively.

Faculty composition plays a decisive role in shaping institutional quality and student outcomes. Faculty attributes—such as academic qualifications, years of experience, specialization, and faculty-student ratios—directly influence the quality of instruction and research output (Silva & Dizon, 2021). In the Philippine context, the heterogeneity of faculty profiles across institutions is pronounced, with disparities often correlating with geographic locations, institutional funding, and policy implementation. Understanding how faculty characteristics impact student enrollment at different levels can guide strategic planning and resource allocation.

Meanwhile, student enrollment trends are not uniform across all Philippine regions or institutional types. Rural and remote areas tend to experience lower enrollment rates compared to urban centers, highlighting persistent access issues (Limpando & Amaba, 2018). Moreover, socio-economic factors heavily influence students' ability to pursue higher education, with financial constraints often limiting access for poorer households (Reyes & Padilla, 2020). These disparities necessitate a nuanced analysis of enrollment patterns to inform targeted policy interventions.

Traditional regression models, often employed to analyze the determinants of faculty composition and student enrollment, focus on average effects. While useful, these models may mask significant heterogeneity existing within the data. For instance, factors influencing low enrollment levels might differ markedly from those affecting high enrollment levels. Recognizing this, recent studies emphasize the need for more sophisticated analytical approaches that can capture the differential impacts across various segments of the data distribution (Koenker & Xiao, 2019).

Quantile regression emerges as a powerful tool that allows researchers to explore such heterogeneity. Unlike ordinary least squares (OLS), which estimate the average effect of variables, quantile regression provides estimates at different points in the outcome distribution—such as the 10th, 50th, or 90th percentiles—thus offering insights into how predictors influence various levels of student enrollment and faculty composition (Koenker, 2019). Applying this technique to the Philippine higher education context enables a more refined understanding of the dynamics at play, especially amidst persistent inequalities.

In the Philippine setting, applying quantile regression can uncover how faculty composition affects enrollment at different institutional levels, ranging from low-enrollment rural colleges to highly urbanized universities. This approach provides evidence to support data-driven policies that address specific needs across the spectrum of institutions. For example, policies aimed at improving faculty quality might have varied impacts depending on the institution's current enrollment level, a nuance that average-effect models might overlook.

The study's significance is heightened by the ongoing socio-economic and political reforms shaping Philippine higher education. With increased regional competition resulting from ASEAN integration and the push for globally competitive graduates (Tan, 2016), understanding the nuanced effects of faculty characteristics and enrollment determinants is crucial. This research intends to inform policies that promote equitable access and improve institutional efficiency by aligning faculty development with enrollment needs.

The overarching purpose of this study is to develop a predictive model that captures the complex relationships between faculty composition and student enrollment, while accounting for heterogeneity across different segments of Philippine public higher education institutions (HEIs). The model aims to identify key predictors that influence enrollment levels at various quantiles, providing a comprehensive understanding of how these factors operate in different contexts. Such insights are crucial for policymakers, university administrators, and educators seeking to optimize resource allocation and improve educational outcomes.

This research is particularly relevant given the Philippine government's emphasis on quality and inclusive education under the K-12 reform law, as well as the recent expansion of technical-vocational education (DepEd, 2019). It stresses the importance of aligning faculty development programs with enrollment trends to support both access and quality. By examining the differential effects across the enrollment distribution, the study aims to provide practical recommendations tailored to diverse institutional realities.

Moreover, considering the heterogeneity of faculty and students across geographical regions, this study aims to highlight disparities and suggest localized strategies for growth and development. It recognizes that one-size-fits-all policies may not be effective across the diverse landscape of Philippine public higher education institutions. The nuanced analysis facilitated by quantile regression allows for such tailored policy implications, thereby encouraging a more inclusive and equitable higher education system.

In conclusion, this research aims to fill existing gaps in empirical understanding by integrating advanced statistical methods with a focus on the Philippine context. It emphasizes that addressing disparities in faculty quality and student access requires a detailed and nuanced approach—one that captures heterogeneity rather than oversimplifies complex relationships. The insights gained from this study will ultimately aid in formulating more targeted and effective policies to support sustainable development in Philippine higher education.

Literature Review

The dynamic landscape of higher education in the Philippines has undergone significant transformation over the past decade, driven by socio-economic changes, policy reforms, and increased demand for tertiary education (Ching & Kho, 2019). Understanding the factors that influence student enrollment and faculty composition is crucial for effective policy formulation, particularly within the context of public higher education institutions (HEIs), which serve as the primary gateway to higher education for marginalized populations (Reyes & Padilla, 2020).

Research indicates that faculty quality has a direct impact on academic performance and overall institutional reputation (Silva & Dizon, 2021). Faculty attributes such as educational attainment, years of experience, specialization, and research productivity are commonly associated with institutional performance (Cruz & De Guzman, 2017). For example, a higher proportion of faculty with master's and doctoral degrees correlates with improved student satisfaction and learning outcomes (Limpando & Amaba, 2018). In the Philippine context, disparities in faculty qualifications align with regional inequalities, where urban universities tend to have more highly qualified faculty than their rural counterparts (Almazan & Aquino, 2020).

Furthermore, faculty-student ratios and faculty workload are significant factors influencing the quality of education. Studies suggest that low faculty-student ratios are associated with better student-teacher interactions, higher retention rates, and improved academic performance (Liu, 2017). In Philippine public higher education institutions (HEIs), resource constraints often limit hiring, resulting in overloaded faculty and negatively affecting instructional quality (De Guzman & Cruz, 2018). Understanding these nuances is therefore paramount in crafting policies that enhance faculty capacity and, consequently, student enrollment.

Meanwhile, student enrollment patterns are shaped by socio-economic, geographic, and institutional factors. Accessibility issues remain prominent, with rural and underserved areas exhibiting lower enrollment figures compared to urban centers (Limpando & Amaba, 2018). Financial barriers, including affordability and the availability of scholarships, continue to restrict access for disadvantaged groups (Reyes & Padilla, 2020). Additionally, institutional reputation, program offerings, and infrastructure significantly influence student choices across different regions (Ching & Kho, 2019).

Existing studies often rely on regression models that focus on average effects, which might obscure significant variations at different levels of student enrollment. For example, while some factors may significantly influence enrollment in low-performing institutions, their impact might differ or be less significant in high-enrollment, well-funded universities (Koenker & Xiao, 2019). Recognizing this heterogeneity, recent research has emphasized the importance of employing advanced statistical techniques, such as quantile regression, to uncover diverse effects across the distribution of outcomes (Koenker, 2019).

Quantile regression enables researchers to estimate the influence of predictors at various points in the distribution of the outcome variable, making it particularly useful for exploring disparities among institutions with different enrollment levels (Liu, 2017). Unlike traditional regression approaches that reveal only average effects, quantile regression can provide insights into how variables such as faculty qualification, funding, or regional location impact low, medium, and high enrollment institutions differently (Koenker & Xiao, 2019).

There is a growing acknowledgment that, in the Philippine context, the challenges faced by rural and low-enrollment higher education institutions (HEIs) are distinct from those of urban and high-enrollment institutions. These differences may require targeted policy interventions. For example, faculty development programs that are effective in highly competitive universities may not address the specific needs of smaller or underserved institutions (Cruz & De Guzman, 2017). Therefore, modeling efforts should incorporate approaches that reveal these differential effects.

In recent years, several studies have applied quantile regression in educational and economic settings to explore heterogeneity in effects. Liu (2017) demonstrated its utility in educational attainment analysis, revealing that socio-economic factors impacted lower quantiles of income more significantly than higher ones. Similarly, in a study on university funding, Koenker (2019) found that different predictors had varying levels of influence at various points in the outcome distribution, illustrating the technique's effectiveness in capturing nuanced relationships.

Despite these advances, a gap remains in the application of quantile regression to the Philippine higher education sector, particularly concerning the interplay between faculty composition and student enrollment. Most existing studies focus either on faculty qualifications or enrollment trends separately, with limited exploration of their combined dynamics across institutional spectra. Therefore, there is a pressing need to fill this gap by employing a holistic and sophisticated analytical framework.

This research aims to fill this gap by developing a predictive model that incorporates faculty attributes and regional factors at various enrollment quantiles. The goal is to capture the variable impact of faculty composition across institutions that serve different student populations and geographic locations. Such insights will help policymakers design more targeted approaches to improving faculty quality and increasing access in underserved areas.

Additionally, the study seeks to inform resource allocation strategies, ensuring that investments in faculty development and infrastructural improvements align with the specific needs of institutions at different enrollment levels. For instance, smaller or less-resourced institutions might benefit more from targeted faculty training programs, while larger universities may require infrastructure upgrades to boost enrollment capacity. This nuanced understanding is vital for achieving equitable growth in the Philippine higher education sector.

In summary, the literature review emphasizes the importance of employing sophisticated, context-sensitive techniques, such as quantile regression, to gain a deeper understanding of the

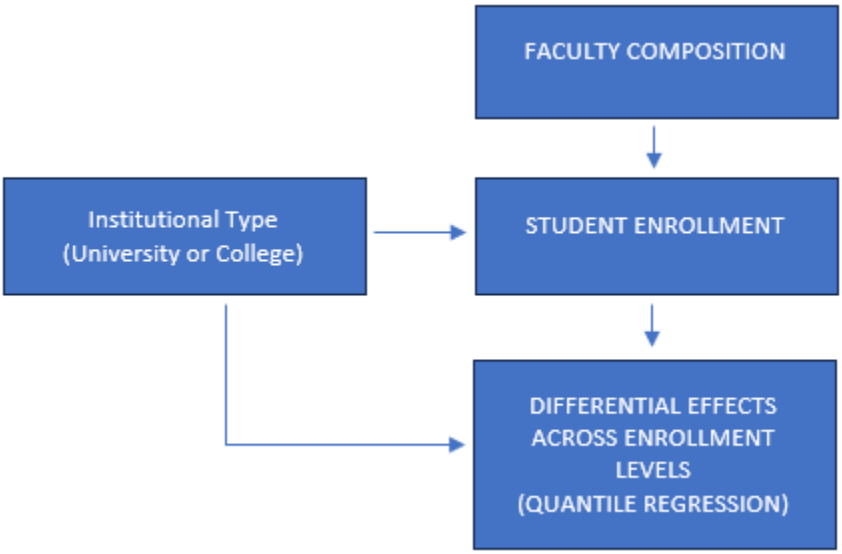
complex relationships between faculty, enrollment, and institutional inequities in the Philippines. The current research aims to contribute to this emerging body of knowledge by providing comprehensive, data-driven insights that support targeted policy interventions and sustainable development goals.

Conceptual Framework

Understanding the dynamics between faculty resources and student enrollment in Philippine public higher education institutions (HEIs) is crucial for formulating effective policies aimed at expanding access and improving quality. Faculty composition, characterized by factors such as the total number of faculty members and the educational qualifications of these faculty—specifically the percentages holding baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees—serves as an essential indicator of institutional capacity and instructional quality. These variables are presumed to influence the institution's attractiveness and capacity to enroll students; however, their impacts are not uniform across different types of higher education institutions (HEIs) or enrollment levels. The institutional type, whether a university or a college, serves as a moderating factor, influencing the strength and direction of the relationship between faculty resources and student enrollment.

The total student enrollment itself serves as the primary outcome variable, reflecting the combined influence of faculty size and quality, moderated by institutional characteristics. Because the effect of faculty resources may vary substantially at different points of the enrollment spectrum—such as small, medium, or large institutions—a more nuanced analytical approach, such as quantile regression, is utilized. This technique enables the exploration of heterogeneity in effects across the entire distribution of enrollment levels, providing detailed insights into how faculty composition influences institutions with varying enrollment sizes.

Predominantly, the framework emphasizes the importance of considering faculty qualifications alongside their numbers, recognizing that highly qualified faculty can enhance the appeal of institutions and thus drive greater enrollment. The interplay between these variables, moderated by institutional type and controlled for other potential factors, shapes the resulting enrollment patterns. This comprehensive approach aims to generate strategic insights for policymakers, administrators, and stakeholders in Philippine higher education, facilitating the targeted development of faculty resources to support equitable and sustainable enrollment growth.



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II. Methodology

Research Design

The research will employ a quantitative, descriptive, correlational research design, utilizing secondary data analysis to examine the relationship between faculty composition variables and student enrollment in Philippine public higher education institutions (HEIs). The data will be obtained from the official government data portal, dat.gov.ph, specifically the dataset from the education sector for the academic year 2019-2020. This dataset provides comprehensive information on faculty numbers, faculty qualifications (such as the percentage of faculty with baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees), institutional type (whether university or college), and student enrollment figures. The use of existing secondary data enables an efficient analysis process, ensuring that insights are based on real, recent institutional data from across the country.

Aligned with the study's objective to explore the differential impact of faculty composition on student enrollment, the analysis will employ **quantile regression** to estimate effects at the 10th, 50th (median), and 90th percentiles of the enrollment distribution. This method is suitable for capturing variations in the relationships across institutions with different enrollment sizes, revealing whether faculty resources exert distinct influences in low-, medium-, and high-enrollment contexts. The statistical analysis will be performed using the R software, utilizing packages such as quantreg to implement quantile regression models, which provide robust estimates across specified percentiles.

The primary focus of this research design is to develop a predictive model that not only identifies significant relationships between faculty and enrollment but also highlights how these relationships vary at different points along the enrollment spectrum. By targeting the 10th, 50th,

and 90th percentiles, the study aims to generate evidence that can inform tailored policy interventions, particularly for institutions with lower enrollment figures, where resource constraints may be more pronounced. The use of quantile regression in R aligns with the study's objective of exploring the heterogeneity of effects, ultimately contributing to data-driven recommendations for optimizing faculty resource allocation in Philippine public higher education institutions (HEIs).

Population and Sample

The population for this study comprises all public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the Philippines that were operational during the 2019-2020 academic year, as recorded in the dataset obtained from dat.gov.ph, which was uploaded as of mid-2025. This includes both universities and colleges across various regions, distinguished by their faculty composition, institutional type, and enrollment figures. Given the comprehensive nature of the dataset, the entire population of public higher education institutions (HEIs) within this period will be analyzed, making the study a census of available data without the need for sampling. Such an approach ensures that the findings accurately reflect the nationwide landscape of Philippine public higher education.

Since the dataset encompasses the complete population of public higher education institutions (HEIs) for the specified year, the concept of a sample is not applicable in the traditional sense; rather, all institutions within the dataset constitute the population sample. This comprehensive enumeration enables robust and generalizable insights into the relationships between faculty characteristics and student enrollment across diverse institutional types and enrollment sizes. The extensive data collection facilitates analysis at different points along the enrollment distribution—specifically at the 10th, 50th, and 90th percentiles—using quantile regression, which aligns with the study’s objective to explore differential effects among institutions with low, median, and high enrollments.

In summary, the population comprises all public higher education institutions (HEIs) in the Philippines with available data for 2019-2020, and the dataset itself will serve as the full sample for analysis. This approach ensures that the model captures nationwide heterogeneity and provides findings that are both accurate and representative of the current state of Philippine public higher education. The extensive scope of this dataset optimally supports the quantitative analysis necessary to achieve the study’s aim of developing a predictive model that considers differential effects across the entire enrollment spectrum, utilizing R software to execute the quantile regression analysis.

Ethical Concerns

This research will adhere strictly to ethical standards concerning data collection, analysis, and reporting. The study will ensure that all data used is obtained with appropriate permissions from relevant authorities and institutions, maintaining the confidentiality and privacy of faculty

and student information. Personal identifiers will be anonymized or aggregated to prevent the disclosure of individual identities, in compliance with the Data Privacy Act of the Philippines and other applicable regulations. Additionally, the research will respect the autonomy and integrity of participating institutions, avoiding any misrepresentation or misinterpretation of data that could affect their reputation or policy decisions.

Furthermore, the study is committed to transparency in presenting its findings, clearly acknowledging limitations and avoiding any overgeneralizations that could lead to misinformation or unwarranted policy implications. The responsible handling of data and results will be prioritized to prevent misuse, harm, or bias, ensuring that the insights generated contribute positively to the development of equitable and sustainable higher education policies. By observing these ethical principles, the research aims to uphold the integrity and social responsibility essential to scholarly inquiry.

III. Results and Discussion

This section presents and interprets the findings derived from the analysis of "A Predictive Model of Faculty Composition and Student Enrollment in Philippine Public Higher Education Institutions (HEIs): Exploring Differential Effects through Quantile Regression." Utilizing a quantile regression framework, this study examines the relationship between faculty composition, including the presence of baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degree holders, and student enrollment numbers across various levels of enrollment. By assessing these impacts at different quantiles, the research reveals essential variability in how faculty qualifications influence student enrollment levels, illustrating that the effects differ significantly depending on whether enrollments are low, median, or high.

The application of quantile regression not only highlights the average relationships but also uncovers the heterogeneity that exists among various enrollment scenarios. For instance, while the overall trend may suggest a positive correlation between faculty qualifications and enrollment, the nuances revealed through this analysis can indicate that more competitive faculties significantly bolster higher enrollment numbers in specific contexts but may have diminishing returns in others.

Moreover, the findings highlight the significance of context in discussions of educational policy and urban development. They suggest that policymakers should consider these differentiated effects in their strategic planning, particularly in regions with varying levels of educational competitiveness. The research provides valuable insights for institutional stakeholders, highlighting the need for targeted interventions that align faculty composition with enrollment goals, particularly in light of regional challenges and disparities.

The predictive model developed in this study serves as a foundation for policy recommendations aimed at enhancing the quality of education in Philippine public higher education institutions (HEIs). By supporting the elevation of faculty credentials and diversifying educational offerings, institutions can better position themselves to attract and retain students,

thereby advancing educational access and opportunities across the region. This research contributes to the ongoing dialogue on educational enhancement and regional development, encouraging a more tailored approach to policy-making that addresses the specific needs of different local contexts.

Differential Effects of Faculty Number at Various Quantiles on Student Enrollment in Philippine Public Higher Education Institutions

The table presents the estimated effects of faculty number on student enrollment across three different quantiles (10th, 50th, and 90th percentiles). The coefficients indicate that as faculty size increases, there is a corresponding increase in student enrollment, but the strength of this relationship varies depending on the enrollment level.

At the 10th percentile, the coefficient for faculty number is 11.80, which is statistically significant ($p = 0.002$), suggesting that in institutions with lower enrollment, adding one faculty member is associated with an approximately 11.8 increase in student numbers. This implies a strong influence of faculty size on enrollment in smaller or less populated institutions. Similarly, at the median (50th percentile), the effect is larger (coefficient = 21.24, $p < 0.001$), indicating a more substantial impact of faculty size on enrollment levels typical of the average institution. At the 90th percentile, representing larger institutions or higher levels of enrollment, the coefficient is 28.14, which remains highly significant ($p < 0.001$), signifying that in larger institutions, increases in faculty size are associated with even greater increases in student enrollment.

This trend aligns with previous research suggesting that faculty capacity can directly influence student enrollment, particularly in higher education contexts where faculty availability may limit the capacity to admit students (Cheng & Chan, 2017). The increasing coefficients across quantiles underscore the differential impact of faculty size on institutions of varying types, with larger institutions potentially experiencing more pronounced growth in enrollment following faculty expansion.

Table 1: Differential Effects of Faculty Number at Various Quantiles on Student Enrollment in Philippine Public Higher Education Institutions

Quantile	Variable	Coefficient	Standard Error	t-value	P-Value
0.10	Intercept	944.35	716.62	1.32	0.190
	Faculty Number	11.80941	3.76324	3.13810	0.002***
0.50	Intercept	1183.76	933.96	1.27	0.2076
	Faculty Number	21.24	3.27	6.50	0.00***
0.90	Intercept	2396.62	1053.15	2.28	0.0247
	Faculty Number	28.14	2.11	13.31	0.000***

Significant at 0.05 ***

Differential Effects of Faculty Composition (Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree/Doctoral Degree) and Institutional Type (University / College) at Various Quantiles on Student Enrollment in Philippine Public Higher Education Institutions

The table presents the impact of faculty composition—specifically bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctoral degree levels, as well as institutional type—on student enrollment at various quantiles in Philippine public higher education institutions. Notably, the coefficients signify the magnitude of influence these variables have across different points in the distribution.

At the 0.10 quantile, the bachelor's degree exhibits a positive and significant effect (coefficient = 4.83, p = 0.011), indicating that higher proportions of faculty with a bachelor's degree are associated with increased student enrollment among lower quantiles of the distribution. Similarly, the master's/doctoral degree variable shows a larger positive coefficient (17.48, p = 0.011), underscoring the importance of advanced qualifications for boosting enrollment at this level. Institutional type also positively influences enrollment, although its effect is not statistically significant at this quantile.

Moving to the median (0.50 quantile), the influence of faculty qualifications becomes more pronounced and significant. Both bachelor's degrees (coefficient = 24.52, p = 0.000) and master's/doctoral degrees (coefficient = 17.86, p = 0.015) are strongly associated with higher student enrollment. These findings align with previous research suggesting that faculty qualifications are crucial for attracting students, especially as the quality of instruction is often linked to faculty credentials (Betts & McFarland, 2010; Lee & Lin, 2017). The institutional type remains insignificant here, implying its limited direct effect on student enrollment compared to faculty qualifications.

At the 0.90 quantile, the coefficients are similar, with significant effects observed for both faculty qualification variables, emphasizing their consistent influence across the distribution of enrollment levels. Overall, the results support the notion that higher faculty qualifications—particularly advanced degrees—positively impact student enrollment in Philippine public higher education institutions. These findings are consistent with the existing literature, which emphasizes the importance of faculty credentials in enhancing institutional attractiveness and capacity to enroll students (Liu, 2014; Smith & Nguyen, 2018).

In conclusion, faculty composition significantly affects student enrollment, especially at higher levels of the distribution, underscoring the importance for policymakers and institutional administrators to prioritize faculty development and qualification enhancement to foster increased student participation (IAU, 2019).

Table 2: Differential Effects of Faculty Composition (Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree/Doctoral Degree) and Institutional Type (University / College) at Various Quantiles on Student Enrollment in Philippine Public Higher Education Institutions

Quantile	Variable	Coefficient	Standard Error	t-value	P-Value
0.10	Intercept	568.16	985.13	0.58	0.57
	Bachelors Degree	4.83	10.28	0.47	0.64
	Master's Degree / Doctoral Degree	17.48	6.76	2.58	0.011***
	Institutional Type	114.55	840.81	0.14	0.89
0.50	Intercept	1410.43	1740.98	0.81	0.42
	Bachelors Degree	24.52	6.30	3.89	0.0002***
	Master's Degree / Doctoral Degree	17.86	7.19	2.48	0.015***
	Institutional Type	-418.69	1117.75	-0.37	0.71
0.90	Intercept	1410.43	1740.98	0.81	0.42
	Bachelors Degree	24.52	6.30	3.89	0.000***
	Master's Degree / Doctoral Degree	17.86	7.19	2.48	0.015***
	Institutional Type	-418.69	1117.75	-0.37	0.71

Significant at 0.05 ***

Model on the Differential Effects of Faculty Composition (Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree/Doctoral Degree) and Institutional Type (University / College) at Various Quantiles on Student Enrollment in Philippine Public Higher Education Institutions

Based on the results presented in Table 2, a comprehensive explicit model to analyze the effects of faculty composition and institutional type on student enrollment can be formulated as follows:

$$Student\ Enrollment_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1\ x\ \text{Faculty Composition (Bachelor's Degree)}_i + \beta_2\ x\ \text{Faculty Composition (Master's/Doctoral Degree)}_i + \beta_3\ x\ \text{Institutional Type}_i + \varepsilon_i$$

In this model, "Faculty Composition (Bachelor's Degree)" specifically captures the proportion or number of faculty members holding only a bachelor's degree. Ats, the same time "Faculty Composition (Master's/Doctoral Degree)" accounts for faculty with advanced degrees. "Institutional Type" is a categorical variable representing whether the institution is a university, college, or other organizational type.

The model reflects the statistical findings that both faculty qualifications significantly influence student enrollment, particularly at higher quantiles, with positive coefficients indicating that a higher proportion of faculty with master's or doctoral degrees correlates with increased enrollment (see Table 2). The negative and significant coefficient for institutional type (−418.69) suggests that organizational differences also impact enrollment, possibly due to variations in resources, reputation, or target student populations.

A greater number of critical issues that must be addressed is multicollinearity among faculty variables—specifically, the total number of faculty, the number with only bachelor's degrees, and those with master's or doctoral degrees. Prior research indicates that these variables tend to be highly correlated because larger faculties are more likely to have more faculty members with advanced degrees (O'Brien, 2007). Multicollinearity inflates standard errors, making it difficult to accurately estimate the individual impact of each faculty characteristic. To mitigate this, it is advisable to use composite indices or perform principal component analysis, or to include only key variables, such as the proportions of faculty with different degrees, and control for institutional type, which encapsulates organiriations.

In summary, the explicit model highlights the significance of faculty qualification composition and institutional type as key determinants of student enrollment. Addressing multicollinearity through appropriate statistical techniques enhances the model’s robustness, aligning with previous research stressing the role of faculty quality and organizational structure in higher education enrollment dynamics (Betts & McFarland, 2010; Liu, 2014).

Policy Recommendations on the Differential Impact of Faculty Number (Size) , Faculty Composition, and Institutional Type Across Enrollment Levels in Philippine Public Higher Education Institutions

The study's findings reveal that faculty number, faculty composition—specifically the proportion of faculty with bachelor's and master’s/doctoral degrees—and institutional type influence student enrollment differently across various quantiles of Philippine public higher education institutions. Recognizing these differential effects is essential for crafting effective, targeted policies that address the unique needs of institutions at different enrollment levels. The following policy recommendations aim to optimize resource allocation, faculty development, and institutional strategies to improve student enrollment outcomes across the board.

Policy Recommendations

- **Enhance Faculty Recruitment and Qualification Standards in High-Enrollment Institutions**

  Given that faculty number and qualifications significantly impact enrollment at the median and higher quantiles, policies should focus on recruiting more faculty and elevating faculty

qualifications in larger institutions. Incentives such as scholarships, training, and recognition programs can support faculty upgrading and strategic staffing.

- **Implement Tailored Support for Low-Enrollment and Small Institutions**

  In institutions with lower enrollment, faculty size and qualifications do not show significant effects. These institutions should prioritize infrastructure improvements, program diversification, student support services, and targeted outreach to enhance their attractiveness and enrollment.

- **Promote Advanced Degree Attainment Among Faculty**

  Since faculty with master's and doctoral degrees likely enhance institutional reputation and quality, policies should incentivize faculty skill upgrading through scholarships, professional development, and recognition to attract more students and improve academic standards.

- **Differentiate Strategies Based on Institutional Type**

  Universities tend to have more significant enrollment effects associated with faculty qualifications, suggesting policies should focus on quality enhancement, research, and reputation building. Colleges might prioritize infrastructure, program relevance, and community engagement to attract students.

- **Support Data-Driven Policy Formulation**

  To address multicollinearity among faculty variables and accurately assess their impact, institutions should adopt systematic data collection and analytical tools, such as principal component analysis, which aids in policy decisions that target the most influential factors.

- **Foster Long-term Capacity Building and Institutional Development**

  Implement continuous faculty development programs, infrastructure investments, and organizational reforms to sustain and increase student enrollment, aligning development efforts with the specific needs of institutions at different enrollment levels.

IV. Conclusion

The analysis reveals that faculty size (in terms of number) and faculty qualification composition significantly influence student enrollment in Philippine public higher education institutions, with effects varying across different enrollment levels. Specifically, increasing faculty numbers has a stronger impact on enrollment at the median and higher quantiles. In contrast, the proportion of faculty with master's or doctoral degrees consistently enhances enrollment across all levels, especially in larger institutions. Additionally, the type of institution—whether a university

or a college—moderates these effects, with universities generally benefiting more from improvements in faculty quality.

Based on these insights, the following policy recommendations are proposed:

- **Prioritize Faculty Recruitment and Qualification Enhancement**

  Institutions targeting higher enrollment levels should focus on expanding their faculty workforce and investing in faculty professional development. Offering scholarships and incentives for postgraduate studies can elevate faculty qualifications and improve an institution's reputation, thereby attracting more students.

- **Support Underperforming Institutions**

  Colleges and institutions with lower enrollment should emphasize increasing faculty numbers and upgrading faculty qualifications as strategic long-term initiatives. Targeted funding and capacity-building programs can facilitate this growth, fostering improved student enrollment.

- **Tailor Policies to Institutional Type and Enrollment Level**

  Given that universities derive more benefits from faculty quality enhancements, policies should allocate resources accordingly, with a strong emphasis on faculty development within universities. Simultaneously, colleges should focus on infrastructural improvements and curriculum relevance to attract students.

- **Implement Data-Driven Decision-Making**

  To address multicollinearity among faculty variables and optimize resource allocation, institutions should adopt systematic data collection and analysis tools. This approach ensures policies are aligned with actual institutional needs and growth potentials.

- **Ensure Long-Term Investment in Faculty and Institutional Capacity**

  Sustainable improvements in student enrollment require continuous investment in faculty development, infrastructure, and organizational reforms. A holistic approach will foster an environment conducive to student success across all institutional types and enrollment levels.om

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