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ABSTRACT

Student protest is a global phenomenon which has disrupted educational activities of some developed and developing countries. In Nigeria, students' protest often leads to breakdown of law and order, closure of universities, expulsion of students from institutions, destruction of lives and properties among others. Several studies have focused on the causes, effects and management strategies of dealing with this menace, universities stakeholders' perception on the effectiveness of the control measures need to be studied. The study investigated the perceived effectiveness of students' protests control measures by stakeholders in public universities in South-west, Nigeria. The purpose of the study were to investigate: (i) control measures used against students' protests by public universities; (ii) effectiveness of students' protests control measures as perceived by students' leaders; (iii) effectiveness of students' protests control measures as perceived by academic staff; (iv) effectiveness of students' protests control measures as perceived by administrative staff; (v) difference in the perceived effectiveness of students' protests control measures among stakeholders; and (vi) difference in the stakeholders' perceived effectiveness of students' protests control measures by state and federal universities in South-west, Nigeria.

The study adopted a descriptive survey research design. The population of this study comprised 298,706 participants from 15 public universities in South-west Nigeria. The sample for this study was 1,227 participants selected using a multistage sampling procedure involving simple random, purposive, and proportionate stratified sampling techniques. The instrument for data collection was a questionnaire which was validated and yielded reliability coefficients of 0.88, 0.78 and 0.88. Research questions were answered using percentages and all hypotheses were tested using Chi-Square Statistical Technique.

The findings of the study were that:

i. negotiation and bargaining, problem solving, communication network and violence and coercion with percentages of (100%), (99.2%), (94.7) and (83.5%) respectively were used as students' protests control measures in the public universities in South west Nigeria;
ii. student leaders perceived participatory decision making, problem solving, communication network and violence and coercion with percentages of (98.7%), (78.7%), (73.9%), (73.2%) and (64.8%) respectively were very effective students' protests control measures;
iii. university academic staff perceived participatory decision making (99.2%), problem solving (85.4%), negotiation and bargaining (77.3%), violence and coercion (76.5%), and communication network (70.0%) as very effective students' protests control measures;
iv. university administrative staff perceived participatory decision making (95.6%), problem solving (89.0%), violence and coercion (77.0%), communication network (74.1%), and negotiation and bargaining (68.3%) as very effective students' protests control measures;
v. there was a significant difference in the stakeholders' perceived effectiveness of students' protests control measures in public universities in South west Nigeria, $\chi^2 = 17.37$, df=6, p= .008; and
vi. there was a significant difference in the stakeholders' perceived effectiveness of students' protests control measures by State and Federal Universities, $\chi^2 = 283.58$, df=3, p= .000

The study concluded that stakeholders in public universities perceived protest control measures in their universities as effective. The implication is that stakeholders in university system could maintain effective use of the measures for orderliness. It was therefore recommended that university stakeholders should ensure effective use of protest control measures for maintenance of friendly learning environment devoid of rancour and friction.

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APPENDIX A

QUESTIONNAIRE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES EDUCATION
FACULTY OF EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF ILORIN, ILORIN, NIGERIA
STUDENTS' PROTEST CONTROL MEASURES QUESTIONNAIRE (SPCMQ)

Dear Sir/Ma, this questionnaire is designed to solicit information from you on students' protest control measures adopted to handle students' crises in your university and the effectiveness of these measures, as part of my research work. Your responses shall be treated with utmost confidentiality and used solely for research purposes. I therefore urge you to attend to all the items and as objectively as possible.

SECTION A: Socio-Demographic Data of the Respondent and Institution

1. **Name of Institution:**

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2. **Proprietorship:** Federal ( ) State ( )

3. **Gender:** Male ( ) Female ( )

4. **Status in the system**: Academic ( ) Administrative Staff ( ) Student Leaders ( ) Security Officer ( )

5. **Position:** …….

6. **Years of Experience in the University system (Staff Only):** Below 10yrs ( ) 10-20yrs ( ) 21yrs and Above ( )

SECTION B: STUDENTS' PROTEST CONTROL MEASURES

Listed in the table below are various control measures available for curtailing students' protest in public universities. Kindly indicate those that are in **USE** or **NOT** in **Use** in this institution and how **EFFECTIVE** are they by ticking (√) using the:

KEY:
USE
NOT USE

KEY:
VE= Very Effective
E= Effective
PE= Partially Effective
I= Ineffective

S/N	Students' Protest Control Measures	Use	Not Use	Level of Effectiveness			
				VE	E	PE	I
A	**Violence and Coercion**						
1	Immediate closure of institution with an ultimatum given to students to vacate their halls of residence and premises.						
2	Suspension or dissolution of students' unions and their executives						
3	Rustication or outright expulsion of student leaders and other culprits						
4	The use of security forces like the police to maintain law and order in the institution						
5	Imposition of damages fee and other sanction on students for compliance						
6	Compulsory signing of caution/undertaking form for good conduct by both the students and parents prior the admission						
B	**Negotiation and Bargaining**						
7	Invitation of students' representative to round table for discussion						
8	Fashioning out mutual agreement between students and school authority						
9	Addressing protesters by the designated authority						
C	**Problem solving**						
10	Investigate the causes of the protest as early as possible						
11	Immediate removal of the perceived obstacle to peace						
12	Giving adequate attention to students' demands						
13	Provision of adequate welfare facilities across the campus						

14	Establishment of effective and efficient security apparatus both in and out of the school campus						
15	Maintaining stable and moderate tuition fees						
D	**Mediation**						
16	Resulting to law court for the determination of object of crisis						
17	Inviting traditional ruler or chief for necessary intervention						
18	Inviting leaders of associations such as university alumni						
19	Setting up of peace committee between the school authority and the host community						
E	**Negligence**						
20	Ignoring students, with their demands and protest						
F	**Participatory Decision Making**						
21	Constant engagement of students and management through seminar or colloquium where students' view can be heard on certain issues						
22	Setting up of an effective disciplinary committee comprising members of management and student bodies						
23	Involvement of students' representatives in key decision making in the institution						
24	Running of good and transparent government with open door policy						
G	**Communication Network**						
25	Creation of a forum for negotiation between management and students						
26	Creation of students' complaints office in the institution						
27	Creation and maintenance of effective communication channel between the students and the management						
28	Direct enlightenment of students on the best approach through which their grievances can be communicated						
29	The use of informants among the students by school authority to timely inform management about the intending protest.						
	Others						

Thank you Sir/Ma.

APPENDIX B

UNDERGRADUATE ENROLMENT AND ACADEMIC STAFF STRENGTH, 2017

S/N	University	Students	Acad. Staff
1	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba	20229	447
2	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	1111	140
3	Ondo State University of Science and Technology Okitipupa	1972	56
4	Federal University of Technology, Akure	18096	933
5	Ekiti State University	22147	732
6	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	10576	454
7	Osun State University Osogbo	12155	370
8	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	25938	1399
9	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye	30777	629
10	Tai Solarin University of Education Ijebu Ode	20099	292
11	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	16144	592
12	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	21392	585
13	University of Ibadan	14354	1524
14	Lagos State University, Ojo	23755	712
15	University of Lagos	48324	1627
	Total	**287, 069**	**10492**

(National Universities Commission, 2018). Ownership: S=State, **F**= Federal

APPENDIX C

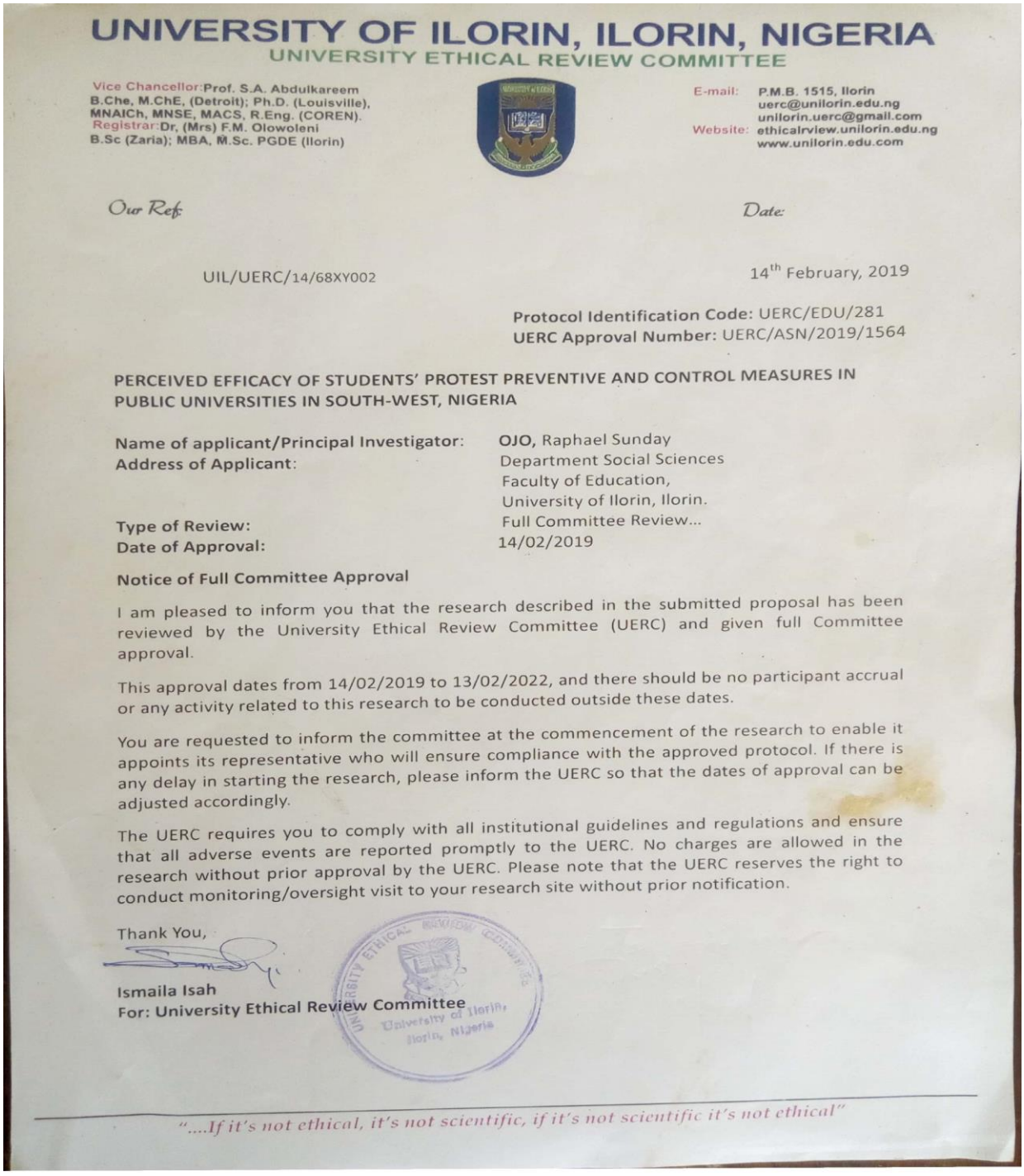
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Required Sample Size†

Population Size	Confidence = 95% Margin of Error				Confidence = 99% Margin of Error			
	5.0%	3.5%	2.5%	1.0%	5.0%	3.5%	2.5%	1.0%
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
20	19	20	20	20	19	20	20	20
30	28	29	29	30	29	29	30	30
50	44	47	48	50	47	48	49	50
75	63	69	72	74	67	71	73	75
100	80	89	94	99	87	93	96	99
150	108	126	137	148	122	135	142	149
200	132	160	177	196	154	174	186	198
250	152	190	215	244	182	211	229	246
300	169	217	251	291	207	246	270	295
400	196	265	318	384	250	309	348	391
500	217	306	377	475	285	365	421	485
600	234	340	432	565	315	416	490	579
700	248	370	481	653	341	462	554	672
800	260	396	526	739	363	503	615	763
1,000	278	440	606	906	399	575	727	943
1,200	291	474	674	1067	427	636	827	1119
1,500	306	515	759	1297	460	712	959	1376
2,000	322	563	869	1655	498	808	1141	1785
2,500	333	597	952	1984	524	879	1288	2173
3,500	346	641	1068	2565	558	977	1510	2890
5,000	357	678	1176	3288	586	1066	1734	3842
7,500	365	710	1275	4211	610	1147	1960	5165
10,000	370	727	1332	4899	622	1193	2098	6239
25,000	378	760	1448	6939	646	1285	2399	9972
50,000	381	772	1491	8056	655	1318	2520	12455
75,000	382	776	1506	8514	658	1330	2563	13583
100,000	383	778	1513	8762	659	1336	2585	14227
250,000	384	782	1527	9248	662	1347	2626	15555
500,000	384	783	1532	9423	663	1350	2640	16055
1,000,000	384	783	1534	9512	663	1352	2647	16317
2,500,000	384	784	1536	9567	663	1353	2651	16478
10,000,000	384	784	1536	9594	663	1354	2653	16560
100,000,000	384	784	1537	9603	663	1354	2654	16584
300,000,000	384	784	1537	9603	663	1354	2654	16586

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APPENDIX D
ETHICAL CERTIFICATE



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PERCEIVED EFFICACY OF STUDENTS' PROTEST PREVENTIVE AND CONTROL MEASURES IN PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH-WEST, NIGERIA

Name of applicant/Principal Investigator: **OJO,** Raphael Sunday
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Type of Review: Full Committee Review...
Date of Approval: 14/02/2019

Notice of Full Committee Approval

I am pleased to inform you that the research described in the submitted proposal has been reviewed by the University Ethical Review Committee (UERC) and given full Committee approval.

This approval dates from 14/02/2019 to 13/02/2022, and there should be no participant accrual or any activity related to this research to be conducted outside these dates.

You are requested to inform the committee at the commencement of the research to enable it appoints its representative who will ensure compliance with the approved protocol. If there is any delay in starting the research, please inform the UERC so that the dates of approval can be adjusted accordingly.

The UERC requires you to comply with all institutional guidelines and regulations and ensure that all adverse events are reported promptly to the UERC. No charges are allowed in the research without prior approval by the UERC. Please note that the UERC reserves the right to conduct monitoring/oversight visit to your research site without prior notification.

Thank You,

Ismaila Isah
For: University Ethical Review Committee

UNIVERSITY ETHICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria

"....If it's not ethical, it's not scientific, if it's not scientific it's not ethical"

APPENDIX E
PROTOCOL CERTIFICATE

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Dear **Ojo,**

APPROVAL OF DOCTORAL RESEARCH PROTOCOL

I am pleased to inform you that, the Board of Postgraduate School at its 281st Meeting held on Wednesday, 17th July, 2019 considered and approved your Doctoral Research Protocol titled:

Perceived Effectiveness of Students' Protests Control Measures by Stakeholders in Public Universities in South-west, Nigeria

You are therefore, to proceed with your Ph.D. programme accordingly, please.

Congratulations.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary, Postgraduate School

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