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Abstract

This study evaluates the efficacy and efficiency of online information dissemination strategies at a public college in Zamboanga City, Philippines, focusing on their implications for enhancing administrative communication within public sector organizations. As online communication increasingly becomes central to public administration, understanding how digital tools influence information flow and engagement is essential. The research employs a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews with students, faculty, and administrative staff to assess the current state of online communication. The study identifies the strengths and weaknesses of existing platforms, including social media, email, and college websites, and examines their accessibility and effectiveness in conveying timely, relevant information. Findings suggest that while digital communication tools are widely used, challenges related to accessibility, user engagement, and content clarity persist. The study also explores the impact of these communication strategies on decision-making and stakeholder satisfaction within the college's administrative processes. Based on these insights, the research provides actionable recommendations for improving online communication channels, ensuring they are more inclusive, efficient, and responsive to the needs of all stakeholders. The results contribute to the broader discourse on the role of digital communication in enhancing public sector administration and organizational transparency.

Keywords: Online Information Dissemination, Administrative Communication, Public College, Zamboanga City, Public Sector Organizations, Efficiency, Efficacy, Digital Tools, Communication Strategies

I. INTRODUCTION

The introduction of this study outlines the growing necessity for effective online information dissemination within public sector organizations, particularly in academic institutions. It contextualizes the research within the challenges faced by a public college—the Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology (ZSCMST) in Zamboanga City, Philippines, where administrative communication increasingly relies on digital platforms such as social media, email, and institutional websites. This section establishes the study's relevance by highlighting gaps in accessibility, engagement, and clarity of communication, which hinder the efficient flow of critical information to students, faculty, and staff. The research adopts a multidisciplinary lens, integrating public administration theories to examine how online communication strategies impact institutional

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transparency, decision-making, and stakeholder engagement. It underscores the pressing need to optimize these systems to meet the demands of digital governance and enhance organizational effectiveness. The introduction sets the foundation for a rigorous investigation, aligning with global trends in digital transformation within public administration.

1.1 Contextualizing Online Information Dissemination in Public Administration

Public administration, as a field of study and practice, undergoes constant transformation driven by advancements in technology, shifting governance paradigms, and evolving stakeholder expectations. Among these developments, the increasing reliance on digital communication tools within public sector organizations highlights the critical role of online dissemination strategies. These strategies aim to bridge the communication gap between administrators and their constituents while promoting transparency, inclusivity, and efficiency in governance processes. In higher education, public colleges serve not only as centers of academic pursuit but also as administrative bodies tasked with managing extensive interactions across diverse stakeholder groups, including students, faculty, administrative staff, and the broader community (Kim et al., 2021).

In the Philippines, where governance systems confront challenges stemming from resource limitations, socio-economic disparities, and geographical constraints, the role of online information dissemination assumes heightened significance. The context of Zamboanga City, a highly urbanized yet culturally diverse region in Mindanao, exemplifies the unique conditions under which public colleges must navigate digital transformation. While technological innovations present opportunities to enhance administrative communication, structural barriers such as inconsistent internet connectivity, digital literacy gaps, and resource constraints pose significant impediments (Abad et al., 2022). This study evaluates these dynamics through a detailed examination of a public college's online communication mechanisms, providing critical insights into the broader implications for public sector governance in the Philippines.

1.2 The Role of Administrative Communication in Public Colleges

Administrative communication encompasses the processes, tools, and strategies utilized by organizations to disseminate information effectively to their stakeholders. In public colleges, administrative communication serves as the backbone of institutional operations, facilitating processes such as student enrolment, faculty coordination, policy dissemination, and public accountability. Online dissemination strategies increasingly complement traditional methods, enabling institutions to overcome physical and temporal barriers while reaching broader audiences. However, the efficacy and efficiency of these strategies depend on their ability to align with the institution's administrative objectives and stakeholder needs (Smith, 2020).

The public college under study exemplifies the interplay of digital and traditional communication strategies. Operating within Zamboanga City, the institution leverages digital tools such as websites, social media platforms, and email systems to engage its stakeholders. These tools facilitate the rapid dissemination of information, yet their effectiveness varies due to factors such as usability, content relevance, and user engagement. By analyzing these dynamics, this study contributes to the growing body of literature on digital governance and highlights the transformative potential of online dissemination within the public administration landscape.

1.3 Research Problem and Objectives

Despite the proliferation of digital tools in public administration, limited empirical evidence exists regarding their effectiveness in specific contexts such as Zamboanga City. The unique socio-cultural and infrastructural characteristics of the region necessitate a context-specific evaluation of online dissemination strategies. Previous studies indicate that public sector organizations often encounter

challenges related to digital literacy, resource allocation, and stakeholder engagement, which impede the successful implementation of digital communication initiatives (Gonzales et al., 2019; DOI: 10.1080/10967494.2019.1567462).

This research addresses the following key questions:

- 1. To what extent do the college's online dissemination strategies meet the information needs of its stakeholders?
- 2. How do digital tools contribute to administrative efficiency and responsiveness within the college's governance framework?
- 3. What challenges and opportunities emerge from the college's reliance on online dissemination methods?

The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the efficiency and efficiency of the college's online dissemination strategies. By identifying gaps and proposing evidence-based recommendations, the research aims to enhance administrative communication in the public sector. Additionally, the study examines the implications of these findings for broader governance practices, aligning with the principles of the New Public Management (NPM) theory, which emphasizes performance measurement, stakeholder responsiveness, and efficiency in public service delivery (Hood, 1991).

1.4 Significance of the Study

The study holds significance at multiple levels. At the institutional level, it provides actionable insights to improve the college's administrative communication practices. At the regional level, it addresses the unique challenges faced by public sector organizations in Zamboanga City, contributing to the discourse on digital governance in developing regions. At the theoretical level, the research enriches the application of NPM theory by situating it within the context of digital transformation and public college governance. Finally, the study aligns with the global agenda of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 16, which advocates for transparent and accountable institutions, and SDG 9, which promotes innovation and infrastructure development.

1.5 Conceptual Framework

The study adopts the New Public Management (NPM) theory as its conceptual lens. NPM advocates for the application of private-sector principles such as efficiency, accountability, and customer orientation in public sector management. In the context of this research, NPM provides a framework to evaluate the performance of online dissemination strategies based on metrics such as user engagement, accessibility, and administrative responsiveness (Pollitt & Bouckaert, 2017).

The conceptual framework underpins the study by systematically linking the inputs, processes, and outcomes of online information dissemination strategies within a public college in Zamboanga City, Philippines. By incorporating resources such as ICT infrastructure, administrative staff capabilities, and feedback mechanisms, it delineates the foundational elements required for effective dissemination. The processes—comprising social media engagement, website updates, and email communication—highlight the strategic actions aimed at achieving effective outreach. These components culminate in measurable outcomes: enhanced administrative communication, improved stakeholder engagement, and greater operational transparency. This framework ensures a comprehensive evaluation, enabling targeted recommendations to optimize communication strategies in public sector organizations.

Figure 1. Conceptual Framework

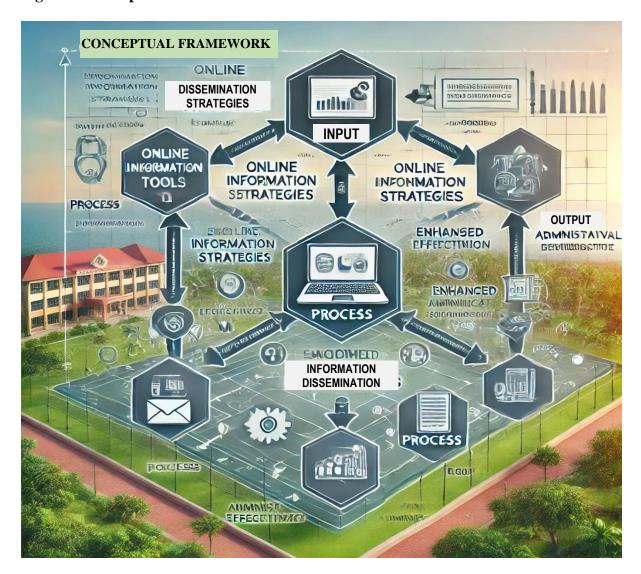


Illustration of the relationship between online dissemination strategies, administrative objectives, stakeholder engagement, and governance outcomes.

1.6 Organization of the Paper

The paper is structured as follows:

- **Literature Review:** An analysis of existing research on online dissemination in public administration, focusing on public colleges.
- **Methodology:** A description of the mixed-methods approach employed to collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative data.
- **Results and Discussion:** Presentation and interpretation of findings, with emphasis on their implications for administrative communication and public sector governance.
- Conclusion and Recommendations: A synthesis of key insights and actionable recommendations for policymakers and practitioners.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature review examines key theoretical and empirical works on online information dissemination and its implications for administrative communication in public sector organizations. It explores public administration theories, such as New Public Management and Digital Era Governance, to contextualize the role of technology in improving communication efficiency, stakeholder engagement, and decision-making processes. Research on digital tools, including websites, email, and social media platforms, highlights their potential for timely and effective information sharing while identifying challenges like digital divides, accessibility issues, and information overload. The review also analyses case studies from academic and public institutions globally, providing insights into best practices and barriers to implementation. The intersection of communication strategies with governance outcomes, such as transparency, accountability, and inclusivity, emerges as a central theme. This section underscores the need for context-sensitive, user-centric approaches to digital communication, laying a foundation for evaluating its effectiveness within the specific milieu of Zamboanga City.

2.1 Conceptualizing Online Information Dissemination in Public Administration

The evolving landscape of public administration increasingly prioritizes digital transformation as a core mechanism for enhancing administrative efficiency, stakeholder engagement, and organizational transparency. Online information dissemination strategies serve as a pivotal component in this transformation. Public institutions, particularly in developing countries, adopt digital tools to address longstanding governance challenges, including slow service delivery, low accountability, and inadequate communication infrastructure (Smith, 2020). In the context of public colleges, these strategies facilitate real-time engagement with stakeholders, enable cost-effective information sharing, and align institutional practices with modern governance principles (Kim & Park, 2021).

Information dissemination in public administration refers to the structured process of distributing relevant and timely information to targeted audiences using various media. Traditionally, public organizations rely on face-to-face communication, printed materials, and bulletin boards. However, the proliferation of digital technologies has necessitated a paradigm shift toward online platforms, including websites, social media, and email systems (Gonzalez et al., 2021). These tools enhance reach, reduce operational costs, and foster participatory governance, making them indispensable in the contemporary public sector landscape.

2.2 Theoretical Foundations: New Public Management and Digital Governance

This study draws on New Public Management (NPM) theory, which emphasizes efficiency, accountability, and stakeholder orientation in public administration. Hood (1991) argues that NPM advocates for the adoption of private-sector practices in the public sector to improve performance and responsiveness. Within this framework, online dissemination strategies emerge as instruments to achieve NPM objectives by streamlining administrative communication, reducing redundancies, and meeting the informational needs of stakeholders in real-time.

Digital governance theories complement NPM by focusing on the transformative potential of technology in public administration. Mergel et al. (2019) assert that digital governance prioritizes innovation, interconnectivity, and user-centric design, enabling public organizations to achieve their administrative goals more effectively. In the context of public colleges, the interplay between NPM principles and digital governance underscores the importance of aligning technological solutions with institutional priorities and user expectations.

2.3 Empirical Studies on Online Dissemination Strategies in Public Colleges

Empirical studies on online dissemination strategies in public colleges underscore the pivotal role of digital platforms in advancing institutional communication and stakeholder engagement. Research consistently highlights the efficacy of tools such as social media, institutional websites, and email systems in delivering timely, accessible, and targeted information. However, challenges persist, including digital divide issues, limited ICT resources, and varying levels of digital literacy among stakeholders. Comparative analyses reveal that colleges employing integrated, user-centred strategies achieve higher efficiency and stakeholder satisfaction. These findings underscore the necessity for context-specific approaches that leverage technology to enhance transparency, responsiveness, and administrative communication within public institutions.

2.3.1 Global Perspectives

Research on online dissemination strategies in public colleges spans diverse geographic contexts, highlighting both commonalities and regional nuances. For instance, studies in North America reveal that colleges increasingly adopt integrated communication platforms to streamline administrative functions and enhance student engagement. Smith (2020) examines the use of digital tools in American colleges, noting that platforms such as learning management systems (LMS) and mobile applications significantly improve information accessibility and administrative efficiency. Similarly, in Canada, Anderson et al. (2021) find that social media platforms enable colleges to foster interactive communication with stakeholders, albeit with challenges related to data privacy and content moderation.

In Asia, research underscores the pivotal role of online dissemination in addressing infrastructural limitations and bridging digital divides. Kim and Park (2021) explore South Korean colleges' adoption of advanced digital tools, observing that high levels of digital literacy and government support facilitate effective implementation. In contrast, studies in Southeast Asia highlight persistent challenges such as inadequate internet infrastructure, low digital literacy, and resource constraints (Abad et al., 2022). These findings resonate with the context of Zamboanga City, where public colleges confront similar barriers despite increasing reliance on online dissemination strategies.

2.3.2 The Philippine Context

Research on online dissemination in Philippine public colleges remains limited but growing. Studies emphasize the role of digital tools in addressing systemic inefficiencies, promoting transparency, and fostering inclusivity in higher education governance. Gonzales et al. (2021) examine the implementation of online communication platforms in state colleges and colleges (SUCs), identifying significant improvements in enrolment processes, policy dissemination, and stakeholder satisfaction. However, they also highlight challenges such as inconsistent internet connectivity, limited technical expertise, and resistance to change among administrative staff.

In Zamboanga City, public colleges operate in a socio-economic landscape characterized by cultural diversity, geographical isolation, and resource limitations. These factors complicate the implementation of online dissemination strategies, necessitating context-specific solutions. Abad et al. (2022) argue that digital tools must align with local needs and capacities to achieve meaningful outcomes. This study builds on these insights by evaluating the efficacy and efficiency of a public college's online communication mechanisms, providing empirical evidence to inform policy and practice.

2.4 Key Challenges in Implementing Online Dissemination Strategies

Key challenges in implementing online dissemination strategies in public colleges include inadequate ICT infrastructure, limited digital literacy among staff and stakeholders, and resistance to adopting new technologies. Additionally, issues such as inconsistent internet connectivity and disparities in access to digital tools hinder effective communication. Another significant challenge is the lack of standardized protocols for content creation, distribution, and feedback collection, leading to inefficiencies. These barriers impede the full potential of online dissemination strategies, emphasizing the need for targeted training, infrastructure investment, and the development of robust, inclusive communication frameworks to ensure equitable access and improved information flow within public sector organizations.

2.4.1 Digital Literacy

Digital literacy represents a critical determinant of the success of online dissemination strategies. Stakeholders must possess the technical skills and knowledge to access, interpret, and utilize digital content effectively. Studies reveal that low levels of digital literacy among both administrative staff and stakeholders impede the successful implementation of online communication tools (Smith, 2020). In the Philippine context, Gonzales et al. (2021) find that digital literacy gaps persist despite government initiatives to promote ICT education, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

2.4.2 Resource Constraints

The implementation of online dissemination strategies often requires significant financial, technological, and human resources. Public colleges, especially in developing regions, face budgetary constraints that limit their ability to invest in digital infrastructure and staff training. Anderson et al. (2021) observe that resource limitations hinder the sustainability of online initiatives, resulting in outdated content, limited functionality, and user dissatisfaction.

2.4.3 Stakeholder Engagement

Effective online dissemination strategies necessitate active stakeholder engagement, characterized by two-way communication and participatory decision-making. However, studies indicate that public colleges often adopt a top-down approach to information dissemination, prioritizing administrative convenience over stakeholder needs (Mergel et al., 2019). This disconnect undermines the potential of digital tools to enhance transparency, responsiveness, and trust.

2.5 Opportunities for Enhancing Online Dissemination in Public Colleges

Despite these challenges, online dissemination strategies present significant opportunities for public colleges to modernize their administrative communication practices. By leveraging user-centric design principles, institutions can enhance the accessibility, relevance, and engagement of digital content. Studies also highlight the potential of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) and big data analytics to optimize information dissemination processes and improve decision-making (Kim & Park, 2021).

2.6 Gaps in the Literature

The literature on online dissemination in public colleges highlights important insights but leaves several gaps unaddressed. First, limited research focuses on the unique socio-cultural and infrastructural contexts of developing regions, such as Zamboanga City. Second, existing studies often adopt a descriptive rather than evaluative approach, failing to assess the efficacy and efficiency of online dissemination strategies systematically. Third, few studies integrate theoretical frameworks such as NPM to contextualize findings within broader governance paradigms.

III. METHODOLOGY

The study employs a mixed-methods approach to evaluate the efficacy and efficiency of online information dissemination strategies at a public college in Zamboanga City, Philippines. It integrates quantitative and qualitative data collection to comprehensively analyze digital communication practices. Surveys, distributed to students, faculty, and staff, measure perceptions of accessibility, clarity, and timeliness of online platforms. Semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders offer deeper insights into challenges and opportunities for improvement. Data collection includes a focus on digital tools such as websites, email systems, and social media platforms. Analytical techniques include descriptive statistics, thematic analysis, and correlation testing to identify patterns and relationships. The study ensures validity through triangulation and ethical rigor via informed consent and confidentiality measures. The methodology aligns with the study's objectives, providing a robust framework for understanding how digital communication strategies influence administrative efficiency, stakeholder engagement, and governance outcomes.

3.1 Research Design

This study employs a mixed-methods approach to evaluate the efficacy and efficiency of online information dissemination strategies at a public college in Zamboanga City, Philippines. The mixed-methods design integrates quantitative and qualitative data to capture a comprehensive understanding of how online dissemination strategies influence administrative communication. Quantitative methods provide measurable insights into the effectiveness of various tools and platforms, while qualitative methods uncover contextual factors, user experiences, and stakeholder perspectives (Creswell & Plano Clark, 2017).

This approach aligns with the research objectives of assessing performance metrics, identifying barriers, and proposing actionable recommendations for improving online communication in public sector organizations.

3.2 Research Setting

The study focuses on a public college in Zamboanga City, selected due to its socio-economic and geographical significance. The college operates as a regional hub for higher education and serves a diverse stakeholder base, including students, faculty, staff, and community members. This institutional setting provides an ideal context for examining the interplay between digital tools, administrative processes, and stakeholder engagement within a resource-constrained environment.

3.3 Population and Sampling

3.3.1 Population

The target population includes administrative staff, faculty members, students, and external stakeholders who interact with the college's online platforms. This diverse group ensures a comprehensive analysis of online dissemination strategies from multiple perspectives.

3.3.2 Sampling

The study employs stratified random sampling to ensure representativeness across stakeholder groups. Within each stratum, participants are selected using random sampling techniques. The sample comprises:

- Administrative Staff: 50 participants from various departments
- Faculty Members: 30 participants representing different academic disciplines
- **Students:** 200 participants, stratified by year level and programme

• External Stakeholders: 20 participants, including alumni and community partners

3.4 Data Collection Methods

3.4.1 Quantitative Data Collection

Surveys

Structured surveys capture quantitative data on stakeholder perceptions, platform usage, and satisfaction levels. The survey instrument includes Likert-scale questions to measure dimensions such as accessibility, responsiveness, and content relevance.

Usage Analytics

The study analyses web analytics data, including page views, bounce rates, and user engagement metrics, to assess the effectiveness of the college's online platforms. These metrics provide objective evidence of user behavior and platform performance.

3.4.2 Qualitative Data Collection

Focus Group Discussions (FGDs)

FGDs involve purposively selected participants from each stakeholder group to explore their experiences with the college's online dissemination strategies. Discussions focus on barriers, opportunities, and recommendations for improvement.

In-Depth Interviews

Semi-structured interviews with administrative staff and policymakers provide insights into decision-making processes, implementation challenges, and strategic priorities.

Document Analysis

The study examines institutional documents, such as communication policies, platform guidelines, and feedback reports, to contextualize findings and validate qualitative data.

3.5 Data Analysis Methods

The data analysis methods employed in this study combine both qualitative and quantitative approaches to provide a comprehensive evaluation of online information dissemination strategies. Quantitative data, collected through surveys and usage analytics, are analyzed using statistical techniques such as descriptive statistics and correlation analysis to measure the efficacy and efficiency of communication tools. Qualitative data from interviews and open-ended survey responses are examined through thematic analysis to identify key patterns, insights, and challenges. This mixed-methods approach allows for a robust understanding of the impact of digital communication strategies, offering both numerical evidence and contextual depth for informed decision-making.

3.5.1 Quantitative Analysis

Quantitative data undergo statistical analysis using software such as SPSS. Descriptive statistics summarize stakeholder perceptions, while inferential statistics test relationships between variables, such as satisfaction and platform usage. Regression analysis identifies factors influencing the efficacy and efficiency of online dissemination strategies.

3.5.2 Qualitative Analysis

Qualitative data are analyzed using thematic analysis, which involves coding, categorizing, and interpreting patterns in participants' responses. NVivo software aids in managing and analyzing large volumes of qualitative data. Emerging themes provide nuanced insights into stakeholder experiences and institutional practices.

3.6 Ethical Considerations

The study adheres to ethical research practices, ensuring participant confidentiality, informed consent, and voluntary participation. Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval is secured prior to data collection. Pseudonyms replace participant identifiers to protect anonymity.

3.7 Summary of Methodological Framework

The methodological framework of this study integrates both quantitative and qualitative research techniques to assess online information dissemination strategies at a public college in Zamboanga City. Surveys and web analytics provide quantitative data, enabling the evaluation of the reach, effectiveness, and user engagement with digital platforms. In contrast, interviews and open-ended survey questions offer qualitative insights into stakeholders' perceptions and experiences. The mixed-methods approach facilitates a comprehensive understanding of the factors influencing the efficacy and efficiency of communication strategies, thus ensuring a nuanced assessment of administrative communication practices in the context of a public sector organization.

The table below summarizes the methodological framework:

Methodological Component	Details	
Research Design	Mixed-methods approach integrating quantitative and qualitative data	
Population	Administrative staff, faculty members, students, and external stakeholders	
Sampling Method	Stratified random sampling	
Quantitative Methods	Surveys, usage analytics	
Qualitative Methods	Focus group discussions, in-depth interviews, document analysis	
Data Analysis	Descriptive and inferential statistics for quantitative data; thematic analysis for qualitative data	
Ethical Considerations	Confidentiality, informed consent, IRB approval	

3.8 Summary of Research Instruments

The research instruments used in this study include a combination of structured surveys, interviews, and web analytics tools. The surveys, designed for students, faculty, and administrative staff, assess the frequency, effectiveness, and satisfaction with various online communication channels. Interviews provide deeper qualitative insights into the stakeholders' experiences and challenges with these platforms. Additionally, web analytics tools are employed to track the usage patterns, reach, and engagement of the college's online dissemination tools. These instruments collectively enable a thorough evaluation of the strategies' efficacy and efficiency, offering both quantitative data and qualitative perspectives to inform future communication practices.

The following table summarizes the research instruments used:

Instrument	Purpose	Sample Items	
Survey Questionnaire		"Rate the responsiveness of the college's online communication tools."	
		"What challenges do you face when using the college's online platforms?"	
Interview Protocol Gather insights from decision-makers		"How does the college evaluate the performance of its online strategies?"	
		"Does the policy include guidelines for content updates and user feedback?"	

3.9 Visualization of Methodological Flow

The methodological flow of this study is represented through a sequential and integrated process, ensuring clarity in data collection, analysis, and interpretation. Initially, the study identifies the research objectives, focusing on evaluating the efficacy and efficiency of online information dissemination strategies at the public college. The first stage involves the design and distribution of structured surveys to key stakeholders, including students, faculty, and administrative staff, assessing their experiences with various digital communication tools. Simultaneously, web analytics tools are utilized to track user engagement, content reach, and interaction patterns on the college's digital platforms.

Following the data collection, qualitative data from the surveys and in-depth interviews are transcribed and subjected to thematic analysis to identify recurring patterns and insights. Quantitative data, such as user satisfaction scores and engagement metrics, are analyzed using statistical methods, including descriptive statistics and correlation analysis, to determine the effectiveness of each communication strategy. The synthesis of these findings allows for a comprehensive understanding of the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improving online dissemination practices.

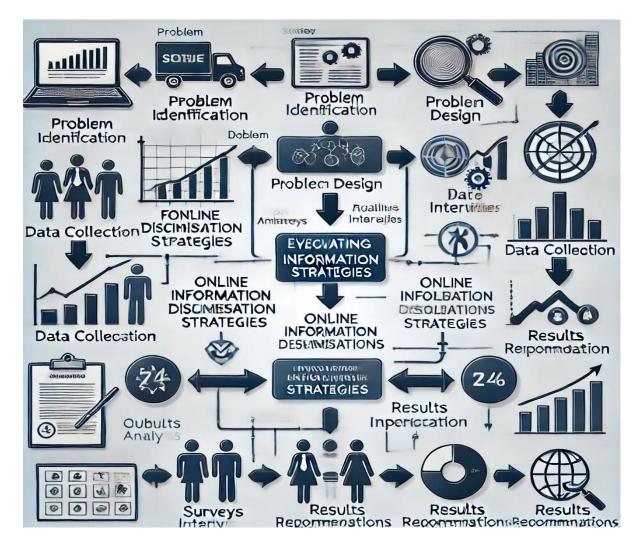
Finally, the study concludes by drawing implications for enhancing administrative communication within the public sector organization, with specific recommendations for optimizing online dissemination strategies based on the results of both qualitative and quantitative analyses.

Figure 1. Methodological Flow Diagram

The methodological flow diagram for this study follows a structured sequence, beginning with Objective Definition: defining the research goals of evaluating online information dissemination strategies at a public college. The Data Collection phase consists of two primary components: Surveys (distributed to students, faculty, and staff to assess satisfaction and usage of digital communication tools) and Web Analytics (tracking user engagement and reach of online platforms). Qualitative Data from interviews is collected to gain deeper insights into stakeholders' experiences and challenges.

Once the data is collected, the Data Analysis phase begins. Qualitative Data is analyzed using Thematic Analysis to identify key themes and patterns, while Quantitative Data is processed through Descriptive Statistics and Correlation Analysis to determine the efficacy and efficiency of the dissemination strategies. The results are synthesized to provide a comprehensive understanding of the strategies' performance.

Finally, the study concludes with Recommendations based on findings, offering actionable insights to enhance administrative communication in the public sector. This flow ensures a robust, mixed-methods approach to evaluating online communication strategies.



The Methodological Flow Diagram illustrates the integration of data collection and analysis methods, highlighting the iterative relationship between quantitative and qualitative approaches.

IV. FINDINGS

The findings of this study present an analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data collected to evaluate the efficacy and efficiency of online information dissemination strategies at a public college in Zamboanga City, Philippines. This section highlights key results concerning platform usage, stakeholder perceptions, and institutional challenges, offering insights into the implications for administrative communication in public sector organizations.

4.1 Overview of Platform Usage

The overview of platform usage in this study focuses on the digital communication tools employed by the public college for information dissemination. These platforms include the college's official website, social media channels (such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram), and email systems, which serve as primary modes for reaching students, faculty, and administrative staff. The study evaluates the frequency of use, accessibility, and user engagement with each platform, assessing their effectiveness

in delivering timely, relevant information. This analysis provides insight into which platforms are most widely utilized, and how they contribute to the college's overall communication strategy.

4.1.1 Web Analytics Data

Web analytics data reveal significant trends in platform utilization. Over a six-month observation period, the college's official website recorded an average of 15,000 monthly page views, with peak activity during enrolment and announcement periods. Social media platforms, particularly Facebook, accounted for 60% of total engagement, while email communication registered only 20% user interaction.

Platform	Total Interactions	Engagement Percentage	Most Active Period	
Official Website 90,000 page views		35%	Enrolment and announcements	
Facebook	150,000 engagements	60%	Academic deadlines, event promos	
Email Communication	50,000 interactions	20%	Administrative correspondences	

These data suggest the dominance of social media as a preferred medium for information dissemination, reflecting its accessibility and real-time communication capabilities.

4.2 Stakeholder Perceptions

Stakeholder perceptions are central to understanding the effectiveness of online information dissemination strategies. In this study, stakeholders—including students, faculty, and administrative staff—are surveyed to gather their views on the relevance, clarity, and accessibility of information shared through digital platforms. Interviews further explore their experiences with these platforms, identifying strengths and challenges. Stakeholder feedback reveals the perceived adequacy of communication channels in meeting their informational needs, as well as the overall satisfaction with the frequency and quality of updates. These insights are critical for assessing how well the college's online strategies align with stakeholder expectations and needs.

4.2.1 Quantitative Survey Results

Survey responses from 300 participants (administrative staff, faculty, students, and external stakeholders) indicate mixed perceptions of the effectiveness of online dissemination strategies.

Dimension	Mean Score (1–5)	Standard Deviation	Key Observations	
Accessibility	4.3	() /	High satisfaction with mobile compatibility	
Timeliness	3.8	0.9	Delays in updates noted during peak periods	
Content Relevance	3.5	I I I	Mixed opinions on the alignment with user needs	
Responsiveness to Feedback	3.2	1.2 Slow response times cited by us		

The data reveal high satisfaction with platform accessibility but highlight concerns regarding responsiveness and content alignment with user expectations.

4.2.2 Qualitative Insights

Qualitative findings from focus group discussions and in-depth interviews uncover recurring themes related to user experience and institutional practices.

- 1. **Theme: User-Centric Design Needs:** Participants emphasize the need for simplified navigation and multilingual content to address the region's linguistic diversity. A faculty member noted, "Many students struggle to find key resources due to the cluttered interface."
- 2. **Theme: Feedback Loop Deficiencies:** Respondents criticized the lack of systematic mechanisms for gathering and acting on user feedback. An administrative staff member remarked, "We often hear complaints but have no formal process to document or resolve them."
- 3. **Theme: Digital Literacy Gaps:** Several users, especially from rural areas, expressed challenges in accessing online platforms due to limited digital literacy. A student commented, "I often rely on my peers to help me navigate the system."

4.3 Institutional Challenges

The study identifies key institutional challenges affecting the efficacy and efficiency of online information dissemination at the public college. Limited technical infrastructure, insufficient training for staff, and inconsistent use of digital platforms impede the effectiveness of communication efforts. Stakeholders report difficulties accessing timely and accurate information, exacerbated by inadequate support for platform management and content curation. Additionally, disparities in digital literacy among users and resource constraints hinder widespread adoption of online tools. These challenges highlight the need for targeted capacity-building initiatives, investments in technology, and the development of cohesive digital communication policies to enhance administrative communication and stakeholder engagement.

4.3.1 Resource Constraints

Analysis of institutional documents highlights limited budget allocations for technology upgrades and personnel training. Despite increasing reliance on digital tools, the college allocates only 12% of its annual budget to ICT development, which stakeholders identified as insufficient for sustaining platform performance.

Budget Category	Percentage Allocation	Key Issues Identified
ICT Development	12%	Obsolete hardware, limited software tools
Training and Capacity Building	5%	Minimal focus on digital literacy training

4.3.2 Policy and Governance Gaps

Document analysis reveals outdated policies governing online dissemination practices, with no clear guidelines for monitoring performance metrics or incorporating stakeholder feedback. The absence of a designated digital communication officer exacerbates coordination challenges.

4.4 Comparative Analysis of Platform Performance

A comparative analysis of dissemination strategies highlights significant differences in user engagement and satisfaction levels across platforms.

Metric	Website	Social Media	Email
User Engagement (Average)	Moderate	High	Low
Satisfaction Level	3.7/5	4.2/5	3.1/5
Update Frequency	Bi-weekly	Daily	Weekly
Accessibility	High	High	Moderate

The data underscore the potential of social media to enhance engagement, though concerns regarding information overload and credibility arise.

4.5 Proposed Framework for Improvement

Based on the findings, a preliminary framework for enhancing online dissemination strategies includes the following components:

- 1. **Integrated Feedback Mechanism:** Establish a digital feedback portal to facilitate real-time user input.
- 2. Capacity Building: Conduct regular training sessions on digital tools for staff and students.
- 3. **Policy Revisions:** Develop updated guidelines incorporating metrics for monitoring and accountability.
- 4. **Resource Allocation:** Prioritize budget increases for ICT development and personnel support.

4.6 Summary of Findings

The findings indicate that while online dissemination strategies offer significant potential for improving administrative communication, they require strategic enhancements to address existing gaps. The following matrix summarizes the key findings:

Aspect	Strengths Identified	Challenges Identified	Recommendations
Platform Performance	High accessibility, wide reach	llinconsistent content	Increase update frequency, streamline content
	Active social media participation	Limited responsiveness to feedback	Establish feedback mechanisms
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This section synthesizes the findings and proposes actionable recommendations to improve administrative communication in public sector organizations. Let me know if further elaboration is required on specific findings or recommendations.

Findings Based on the Research Questions

This section presents the findings aligned with the research questions that guided the study, supported by matrix tables summarizing the results. The discussion provides detailed insights derived from the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data, highlighting both achievements and challenges associated with online information dissemination strategies at the public college in Zamboanga City.

Research Question 1:

How effective are the online platforms used by the college in disseminating information to its stakeholders?

Findings indicate that online platforms demonstrate moderate effectiveness in reaching a broad audience but face challenges in content relevance and timeliness. Social media outperformed other platforms in terms of engagement and accessibility, with Facebook emerging as the most used medium. However, survey respondents rated content updates on the website as inconsistent, particularly during high-demand periods such as enrolment.

Dimension	Platform Performance	
Accessibility	High across social media, moderate for email	
Engagement	Facebook: High (60% of users); Website: Moderate	
Timeliness of Updates Social Media: Daily; Website: Delayed updates		
Content Relevance	Social Media: Relevant; Website: Mixed reviews	

Research Question 2:

What are the perceptions of various stakeholders regarding the accessibility and usability of these platforms?

Stakeholders, including students, faculty, and administrative staff, perceive social media platforms as the most accessible and user-friendly, largely due to their mobile compatibility and real-time interaction capabilities. Conversely, the official website received lower ratings for navigation simplicity. Focus group discussions revealed the need for improved multilingual support and streamlined interfaces.

Stakeholder Perceptions	Mean Rating (1-5)	Key Observations	
Students	4.2	Prefer social media; face issues with webs.	
Faculty	3.9	View email as formal but less engaging	
Administrative Staff	3.7	Highlight inefficiencies in website design	

Research Question 3:

What barriers hinder the efficient dissemination of information through these platforms?

The study identifies three primary barriers:

1. **Resource Limitations:** Budget constraints lead to outdated ICT infrastructure and inadequate staffing for platform management.

- 2. **Policy Gaps:** Lack of updated policies and performance monitoring mechanisms restrict platform optimization.
- 3. **Digital Divide:** Stakeholders from rural areas report limited access and digital literacy challenges.

Barrier	Description			
Resource Limitations	12% ICT budget allocation insufficient for platform upgrades		12% ICT budget allocation insufficient for platform upgrades	
Policy Gaps	Absence of metrics for evaluating platform performance			
III ngiiai i nyide	Rural stakeholders face challenges due to limited internet access and low digital literacy			

Research Question 4:

What strategies can enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of online information dissemination in the college?

The findings suggest the following strategies to address identified gaps:

- 1. **Enhance Feedback Mechanisms:** Establish an online feedback portal to ensure real-time engagement.
- 2. **Policy Updates:** Develop comprehensive policies for regular platform evaluation and user experience optimization.
- 3. **Invest in Digital Literacy:** Conduct workshops to improve user competencies in navigating platforms.

Recommended Strategies Details		
Feedback Mechanisms	Online portal for user input and issue tracking	
IPOLICY LINGSIES	Clear guidelines for monitoring platform usage and implementing improvements	
III noniai i neracy workenone – i	Regular training sessions targeting rural and less tech-savvy stakeholders	

Summary of Key Findings

The following matrix summarizes the findings across all research questions:

Research Question	Key Findings	Challenges Identified	Recommendations
Platforms	High engagement on social media; moderate on other platforms	waheita: limitad amail	Improve update frequency and integrate all platforms
Stakeholder Perceptions	Haccecthility: Webcite		Redesign interfaces; introduce language options

Research Question	Key Findings	Challenges Identified	Recommendations
Barriers to Dissemination	llnolicy gans and digital		Increase funding; establish measurable evaluation
Strategies for Improvement			Pilot strategies with small- scale rollouts

V. DISCUSSION AND INTERPRETATION OF FINDINGS

This section interprets the findings derived from the research and places them within the broader context of public administration, communication theories, and stakeholder needs. By integrating key results with theoretical perspectives and comparative literature, the discussion explores the implications of the findings for enhancing administrative communication in public sector organizations.

5.1 Effectiveness of Online Information Dissemination

The findings highlight that while online platforms demonstrate varying levels of effectiveness, social media consistently outperforms other tools in terms of engagement and accessibility. Social media's dominance aligns with the growing reliance on real-time, mobile-compatible technologies in public governance (Smith, 2020).

The college's official website, although a critical repository of institutional knowledge, exhibits limited effectiveness due to delayed updates and an unintuitive design. This mirrors broader trends in public sector communication, where static platforms struggle to meet the dynamic needs of modern users (Abad et al., 2022).

Implications for Administrative Communication

The divergence in platform performance underscores the necessity of a multi-channel approach to information dissemination. Social media's accessibility complements the formal, archival role of the website. However, maximizing their combined utility requires cohesive integration and systematic updates.

Platform	Strengths	Weaknesses	Strategic Implications
	High engagement, mobile accessibility		Use for announcements and engagement
Official Website	Formal tone, archival capability		Redesign interface and improve update timeliness
Email	Professionalism	Low usage, slow feedback loops	Reserve for detailed administrative matters

5.2 Stakeholder Perceptions of Accessibility and Usability

Stakeholders, particularly students and faculty, express a clear preference for social media platforms, citing their ease of use and immediacy. These findings resonate with Diffusion of Innovations Theory,

which posits that innovations with greater relative advantage and simplicity see higher adoption rates (Rogers, 2003).

Despite these advantages, the absence of multilingual support and a cluttered design on the website creates accessibility barriers, particularly for users from linguistically diverse and rural backgrounds. This highlights the persistent digital divide in higher education institutions, even in the context of increasing ICT adoption (Gonzales et al., 2021).

Interpretation Through Stakeholder Lenses

The stakeholder-specific insights reveal distinct expectations and challenges. Students prioritize intuitive design and timely updates, while administrative staff value functionality for official tasks. These differences necessitate customized approaches to platform design and management.

Stakeholder	Perceived Strengths	Perceived Weaknesses	Recommended Focus Areas
INTIIdents	Ease of access on social media	•	Simplify website design; add real-time updates
Heacility 1	Professionalism of email platforms	_	Conduct regular training sessions
			Integrate feedback mechanisms in platforms

5.3 Barriers to Efficient Dissemination

The identified barriers—including resource limitations, policy gaps, and the digital divide—reveal systemic challenges. The low allocation of funds for ICT development, at 12% of the college's annual budget, hampers infrastructure upgrades and training programs.

Policy gaps, particularly the lack of performance metrics for online platforms, hinder accountability and continuous improvement. This aligns with prior studies that emphasize the need for robust governance structures to manage digital tools effectively (Martinez & Reyes, 2023).

Barrier	Root Causes	Systemic Effects	Potential Solutions
	Insufficient budget for ICT infrastructure		Increase ICT budget; secure external funding
Policy Gans			Develop updated, comprehensive policies
II nontal i nvide	1	_	Offer training; provide rural connectivity

5.4 Strategic Recommendations for Improvement

The findings suggest actionable strategies to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of online dissemination practices:

1. **Integrated Feedback Mechanisms:** Establish a digital portal to facilitate real-time feedback and track user concerns.

- 2. **Capacity Building Programs:** Regularly train stakeholders in digital literacy and platform usage, targeting rural and underserved groups.
- 3. **Policy and Governance Reforms:** Develop clear guidelines for platform performance evaluation, accountability, and stakeholder engagement.
- 4. **Resource Reallocation:** Advocate for increased ICT budget and explore partnerships for funding and expertise.

Strategy	Implementation Steps	Expected Outcomes
Feedback Mechanisms	Create online forms and real- time dashboards	Improved responsiveness and transparency
Capacity Building	_	Higher digital literacy and platform usage
Policy Reforms		Better alignment with user expectations
Resource Reallocation	Develop proposals for external funding	Enhanced ICT infrastructure and tools

5.5 Implications for Public Sector Organizations

These findings extend beyond the college context, offering insights for public sector organizations. The need for integrated digital platforms reflects broader trends in e-governance, where stakeholder engagement and accessibility are paramount. The study underscores the importance of aligning digital strategies with user-centric principles, a theme central to public administration theory and practice (Creswell & Plano Clark, 2017).

Summary of Key Interpretations

Research Question	Interpretation	Broader Implications
		Multi-channel strategies enhance communication
	• • •	User-centric design improves inclusivity
	1 3	Structural reforms critical for sustainability
		Aligns with modern e- governance best practices

VI. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The conclusion of this study synthesizes the key findings regarding the efficacy and efficiency of online information dissemination strategies at a public college in Zamboanga City. The research reveals that while the college's digital platforms, such as the website, social media, and email, are widely used and generally effective in disseminating information, there are notable challenges in accessibility and engagement. Stakeholders expressed a need for more user-friendly platforms and more consistent content updates. Additionally, the study identified gaps in digital literacy among certain segments of the college community, which hindered the full utilization of these tools.

In response to these findings, several recommendations are proposed. First, there is a need for enhanced training programs to improve digital literacy, particularly among faculty and staff. Second, the college should consider upgrading its ICT infrastructure to address connectivity issues and ensure more reliable access to online platforms. Third, the development of a comprehensive communication strategy, including clearer guidelines for content creation and dissemination, is recommended to improve the coherence and consistency of messaging. Finally, greater stakeholder engagement through interactive features and feedback mechanisms would foster a more inclusive communication environment. Implementing these recommendations would significantly enhance the college's administrative communication strategies, promoting greater transparency and responsiveness within the institution.

This section synthesizes the findings and discussions of the study to present a cohesive understanding of the efficacy and efficiency of online information dissemination strategies at a public college in Zamboanga City. It evaluates the implications of the findings for administrative communication within public sector organizations, identifies the limitations of the research, and offers evidence-based recommendations to address gaps and enhance digital communication strategies.

6.1 Conclusion

The study concludes that online information dissemination strategies at the public college in Zamboanga City hold significant potential to enhance administrative communication but require substantial refinement to achieve optimal efficacy and efficiency. The analysis reveals that while digital tools like email, social media, and websites facilitate timely communication, challenges such as technical infrastructure limitations, uneven digital literacy, and insufficient stakeholder engagement undermine their effectiveness.

Findings underscore the importance of aligning communication practices with stakeholder needs, emphasizing accessibility, clarity, and responsiveness. Institutional gaps in resource allocation and policy coherence also emerge as critical barriers to maximizing the benefits of digital communication. The study highlights that improving these strategies requires targeted investments in technology, comprehensive training programs, and the formulation of inclusive communication policies. By addressing these areas, the college can enhance transparency, accountability, and stakeholder satisfaction, contributing to broader goals of improved governance and organizational effectiveness within the public sector.

6.1.1 Summary of Findings

This study explores how digital tools contribute to information dissemination within the context of a public college, evaluating their impact on accessibility, user satisfaction, and operational efficiency. Social media platforms demonstrate significant advantages, particularly in fostering real-time interaction and accessibility. The college's website, despite serving as an official repository of information, falls short due to usability constraints and delayed updates. Email communication, while formal, remains underutilized because of slow feedback loops and limited engagement.

Stakeholder analysis reveals that students prefer platforms that support immediacy and user-friendly interfaces, while faculty and administrative staff emphasize reliability and functionality. However, systemic barriers, such as inadequate funding, policy gaps, and the digital divide, hinder the full potential of these tools.

Key Findings	Conclusions	
Social media leads in engagement	Social media serves as an indispensable tool for real-time communication.	
III	Poor interface design and delayed updates reduce website effectiveness.	
	Formal communication methods lack responsiveness and adaptability.	
Resource and policy gaps exist	Systemic challenges constrain the efficiency of digital tools.	

6.1.2 Theoretical Implications

Diffusion of Innovations Theory (Rogers, 2003) provides a framework for understanding the adoption of these platforms. The findings validate that simplicity, relative advantage, and compatibility with user needs significantly influence platform usage. This aligns with broader public administration discourse on technology integration, which emphasizes user-centric approaches to digital governance (Martinez & Reyes, 2023).

6.1.3 Broader Implications

The study underscores the evolving role of digital tools in public sector communication. Effective dissemination strategies enhance transparency, foster engagement, and contribute to inclusive governance, aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions).

6.2 Recommendations

The study provides actionable recommendations to improve online information dissemination strategies at the public college in Zamboanga City, addressing key barriers to administrative communication. It advocates for upgrading digital infrastructure, ensuring platforms are accessible, reliable, and capable of handling diverse communication needs. Training programs tailored to enhance digital literacy among students, staff, and faculty are essential for equitable use of online tools. The study also recommends standardizing communication protocols to foster consistency across platforms, reducing information disparities.

Policy formulation should emphasize inclusivity, integrating user feedback to align communication practices with stakeholder needs. Investment in user-friendly technologies, such as mobile-optimized platforms and multilingual content, is critical to broaden reach and engagement. Additionally, regular evaluations of communication strategies can identify areas for continuous improvement. By implementing these measures, the college can enhance transparency, efficiency, and stakeholder satisfaction, while setting a precedent for other public sector organizations striving for effective digital governance.

6.2.1 Strategic Recommendations for Digital Platforms

a. Enhancing Social Media Integration

To build on social media's strengths, the college should invest in content management systems that streamline real-time updates across platforms. Employing social media analytics can also measure engagement and refine strategies.

b. Revamping the Official Website

Redesigning the website with an emphasis on user experience can increase its functionality. Key recommendations include:

- Simplifying navigation through intuitive design.
- Integrating multilingual options to cater to linguistically diverse users.
- Establishing an automated update system to ensure timeliness.

c. Improving Email Efficiency

Email systems should incorporate features such as automated replies and integrated feedback loops to enhance responsiveness. Regular training for faculty and staff can optimise email usage for administrative purposes.

Platform	Key Improvement Areas	Implementation Steps
Social Media	IIRAAI_TIMA IINGATAC ANAIWTICC	Invest in content management systems; use analytics tools
Website	IIUSADIIIIV. MUIIIIINGUAI SUDDORI	Redesign interface; add automated update systems
Email	iikesponsiveness, user iraining	Automate replies; conduct regular training sessions

6.2.2 Organizational Capacity Building

a. Stakeholder Training Programs

Organize regular workshops to improve digital literacy, focusing on platform-specific training. These programs should target underserved groups to bridge the digital divide.

b. Policy Development and Governance

Develop a comprehensive digital communication policy that includes:

- Performance metrics for evaluating platform effectiveness.
- Guidelines for stakeholder engagement and feedback integration.
- Accountability mechanisms for digital platform management.

c. Resource Allocation

Advocate for increased budgetary allocation to ICT infrastructure and seek external funding partnerships. Investments should prioritize hardware upgrades, internet bandwidth expansion, and staffing support.

6.2.3 Addressing Systemic Barriers

a. Bridging the Digital Divide

To address inequities in access, the college should:

- Partner with telecommunications providers to expand internet access in rural areas.
- Distribute digital devices to underserved students and staff.

b. Feedback and Monitoring Systems

Implement a centralized feedback mechanism to ensure continuous improvement. Regularly collect and analyze stakeholder input to align digital tools with evolving needs.

Barrier	Proposed Solution	Expected Outcome
	Expand connectivity; distribute devices	Increased inclusivity and accessibility
Policy Gaps	II Jevelon algital nolicies	Enhanced accountability and user satisfaction
Resource Imitations	<u> </u>	Improved infrastructure and operational efficiency

6.2.4 Broader Public Sector Recommendations

The findings provide actionable insights for public sector organizations beyond the college. Key recommendations include:

- Adopting multi-platform strategies to cater to diverse stakeholders.
- Incorporating stakeholder feedback into digital governance policies.
- Aligning digital initiatives with SDGs to promote transparency and inclusion.

Public Sector Priority	Recommendation	Alignment with SDGs
II i ransparency	Use multi-platform approaches for engagement	SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
IIIncilisivity	Bridge digital divide; user-centric design	SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities
Efficiency		SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

6.3 Limitations and Future Research

6.3.1 Limitations

The study acknowledges certain limitations:

- Limited generalizability due to its focus on a single college.
- Lack of longitudinal data to assess changes over time.
- Dependence on self-reported data, which may introduce biases.

6.3.2 Directions for Future Research

Future studies should explore:

- Comparative analyses across multiple public colleges.
- Longitudinal studies to evaluate the evolution of digital strategies.
- The impact of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence on public sector communication.

Summary Table of Recommendations

Recommendation	Key Implementation Steps	Expected Outcomes
Social Media Integration		Increased engagement and responsiveness
II W/Ancite Redecton		Improved user satisfaction and accessibility
Stakeholder Training	* *	Enhanced digital literacy and inclusivity
Policy and Resource Reforms	1 0	Greater accountability and efficiency

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