Effect of Organizational Culture on Employee Commitment-Faculties-Arba Minch University, Ethiopia

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Abstract: The comprehensive study was designed as descriptive and explanatory research. The conscious intent to undertake this study was to adequately investigate the effect of organizational culture on employee commitment in academic staffs, Arba Minch University, Arba Minch town, Gomo Zone, SNNPR Region, Ethiopia. The main objective of the study was to analyze the effect of diverse organizational culture variables (involvement, consistency, mission and adaptability) on employee commitments from three major dimensions such as affective, continuance, and normative. This social study conducted on all five campuses of Arba Minch University academic staff members. The social study was typically employed probability sampling method and the university campuses were graciously stratified according to their academic disciplines and from each stratum sample were drawn under simple random sampling technique. The aggregate population of the study was 2017, from which 334 academic staffs were selected as sample population. The primary and secondary data were employed in the study, and the primary data were properly obtained through a comprehensive structured questionnaire. The obtained data were carefully analyzed, tabulated and properly presented in appropriate tables. In this social study, mean, standard deviation, independent sample T-test, one-way ANOVA, Pearson’s correlation coefficient and multivariate Regression analysis were typically used. The Stata 14.0 version software was conveniently used to objectively analyze the necessary data. The key finding of the study was that the levels of culture traits like involvement, consistency, and mission were low and the adaptability was medium level and affective, continuance and normative commitments were medium level.

Keywords: Organizational culture, employee commitment and cultural variables

1. Introduction

Today the role of human resource has been changed significantly because of increasing complexity in the environment. According to the changes occurred in the environment, it is very imperative for the organizations to concentrate and acquire a qualified, competent, innovative and well professionalized human resource to achieve desired results. Employees of an organization are the determining factor for the success, and their roles are inseparable from the achievement, Djoko, Mushud (2016). Employees with higher qualifications and competency could be enhanced their problem solving skills and ability, Tang (2008), Agu & Etim (2012). The Employees’ commitment plays a vital role in an organization’s growth and development. Commitment reflects their strong belief on organizational goals and objectives, culture and desires to remain as a loyal member in the organization, Hackett et al., (2001). In the organizational commitment model, it stated that the employee commitment is a degree to which he identifies his organization, wants to continue and actively participate in his role, Jaros, (2007). Generally, a stronger commitment seems amid the enduring employees, specifically who achieved their personal goals successfully, gets good recognition, scope for further development and working with a more committed employees group. In general, there are three types of commitments prevailing in every organization among the employees such as affective continuance and normative commitments. The affective commitment is an emotional attachment of an employee with his organization while the continuance commitment is an employee’s desires to stay in the organization due to monetary benefits and without any other choices and normative commitment is an employee’s perceived obligation towards the organization and this can be enhanced when employees taken part in the decision-making process, Taylor, Levy, Boyacigiller & Beechler (2008).

Organizational culture is a system of shared values, norms, attitudes and assumptions that can be influenced the people to act and get things done by its members. This organizational culture distinguishes from one institution to another, Robbins & Judge, (2013). The organizational culture has a positive attitude and behaviour on employees’ commitment and it tends to develop commitments towards their organization, Asghar, Mojtaba & Sadeghi, (2015), Ghader & Afkhami (2014), Habib et al (2014), and Coffey, Trew & Trigunarsyah (2012). There is a significant relationship between organizational culture and employees’ commitment toward the organization and the strength of an organizational culture signifies the expansion of employees’ commitment and helps to enhance their satisfaction level in the organization, Chung & Kamal, (2000), Kondalkar, (2007). An employee accord on his organizational culture can build his commitment and it has been obviously observed through the raise of their commitment levels, Robbins & Judge, (2013).

In contrast, some studies were exposed that there was no significant association between organizational culture and employees’ commitment. The study would like to present some of them below. According to Williams, Rondeau & Francescutti, (2007), Nongo & Ikyanyon, (2012), the culture
does not have a strong and significant effect on the employee commitment. The organizations have to try to maintain as much as a strong culture for consistent, better coordination and integration and these only wouldn’t create significant impact on their commitment levels. Therefore, an organization’s key factor for their success is flexibility rather than stability and job freedom instead of only duty-bound.

In the African continent, the researches undertaken on organizational commitment of academic staffs were limited in the African continent, Fako et al., (2014). As far as Ethiopia is concerned, there were a limited number of studies conducted on the educational institutions. A study conducted by Abebe & Markos, (2016), revealed that the Ethiopian university academic staffs had not highly committed due to several reasons such as institution’s standards, visions, missions, improper alignment of institutional objectives with employees, lack of participation in academic decision making and low-level commitment. In addition, the most recent education policy (MoE 2010EC) identified that the fundamental cause for weak performance in the education sector was the gap of commitment among academic staff.

In the organizational culture, especially involvement and consistency play vital role for staff members in Universities. This study was conducted based on this thought with the objective of enhancing HR practices effectively in the university. Further, there was no adequate research study was undertaken on the effect of organizational culture on employee commitment especially in higher education institutions in Ethiopia.

The Objective of the study
The core objective of the study was to analyse and study the relationship between the effect of organizational culture (involvement, consistency, adaptability and mission) on employee commitment (Affective, Continuance and Normative) in Arba Minch University, Arab Minch town, Gomo Zone, SNNPR Region, Ethiopia.

2. Review of Literature

The various published and unpublished literatures had been reviewed and presented as substantiation for the study related to organizational culture, employee commitment and their components on the effect of organizational culture on employee commitment.

2.1 The Concept of Organizational Culture

The culture is one of the widely studied phenomena in management studies. Culture is a set of values, beliefs, systems and norms that are inherent in an organization and it is expected to adhere by the members of the organization and taught to new members, Daft, (2005). According to Robbins & Judge (2013) was explained that the culture as a system of shared meaning held by members that distinguishes from one taught to new members, Daft, (2005). According to Robbins is expected to adhere by the members of the organization and systems and norms that are inherent in an organization and it management studied.

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2.2 Functions of Organizational Culture

The Kondalkar, (2007), revealed about the organizational culture and its benefits for employees in the organization. The organizational culture offered an institutional identity to the members like sharing norms, values and good perceptions, a sense of togetherness, integration and cooperation, shapes behavior, facilitates a collective and strong commitment.

2.3 Models of Organizational Culture

The organizational culture models were developed by numerous researchers with distinctive traits or behaviors based on certain beliefs and assumptions. Some of the important organizational culture models are (1) Deal and Kennedy Model (2) Charles Handy Concept Model (3) Edgar Schein Model and (4) Denison Model.

Among various culture representations, the Denison model was chosen for this study because it was very comprehensive, effortless to implement and typically used to diagnose culture problems in organizations. This model offered a convenient measurement of parameters and assessment methods for culture and applicable to all organizational levels. In this model, it consisted of four general components in organizational culture, like as involvement, consistency, adaptability and mission, and they are used to measure the culture traits in an organization. Each key component comprised of three effective indices, they were typically used to adequately measure the culture traits obviously and those qualities briefly presented below.

2.3.1 Involvement

The Involvement in common is a primary organizational culture trait. It ensures the active participation of employees’ in decision-making, team effort and the development of their necessary skills. Fey & Denison, (2006), stated that involvement represents the most significant dimension of organizational culture for organizations whose primary goal.
is workers satisfaction. The Wesemann, (2001), expressed in his study that the involvement is very imperative to develop the capability of professionals and managerial employees in the organization. The organization placed its value on team orientation rather than personal accomplishments and a high-level involvement can be naturally created by ownership feeling of people. There are three indices used to measure the involvement trait, they are (i) Empowerment (ii) Team Orientation and (iii) Capability Development.

(i) Empowerment
The empowerment is dealt with the individual’s authority, initiative and ability to manage own work. This creates a sense of ownership and responsibility toward the organization, Denison et al., (2006). Employee empowerment is associated with improved knowledge in the decision-making processes, skills to evaluating successes or failures, implementing of organizational programs, customers and job satisfaction and quality of services, Sharma, (2006).

(ii) Team Orientation
The value of team orientation is employees’ collaborative work toward collective goals with mutual accountability and group effort. The Scott et al. (2003) stated that the group affiliation and teamwork is associated with more prominent implementation of continuous quality improvement practices in health care.

(iii) Capability Development
The organization’s ceaseless effort on research and survey used to develop the personal skills of employees to secure the competitive position of the company and supply its requirements.

2.3.2 Consistency
The consistency is the second culture trait and in common is a fundamental source for integration, coordination and control. It typically emphasizes maintaining the status quo and devises a clear agreement regarding the right and wrong ways to carry out proper things in the organization. According to Denison’s statement (1990), it is a common perspective, shared beliefs and communal values and it enhances internal co-ordination, promote meaning and a sense of identification among the members in the organization. There are three significant indicators consisting in this trait they represent core values, agreement, and coordination and integration used to measure the consistency.

(i) Core Values
According to Denison et al., (2006), expressed the core values are that the employees share a set of values which create a sense of identity and a clear set of expectations in the organization.

(ii) Agreement
The agreement is coming up when employees competent to reach consensus on critical issues. It includes both basic level agreement and the ability to reconcile the key differences when they invariably occur, Denison et al., (2006). The individual’s attitudes and behavior are carefully examined through the desired effect of organizational practices. It is necessary to establish an agreement within the organization to maintain a predominant practice, reinforce the impact on an individual’s work behavior and attitudes and disagreement may weaken the link between the organizational practices and work behavior and attitudes of employees, Fisher and Alford, (2000).

(iii) Co-ordination and Integration
The coordination and integration should take place among various functional units of the organization to achieve a general goal through synergy effort of employees. Denison et al., (2006). A study conducted by Baker (2002), he stated that the pervasiveness of a distinct culture throughout the organization would promote motivation, commitment, identity, solidarity and sameness and facilitates internal integration and co-ordination among the members. The co-ordination and effective integration of independent units are essential to improve efficiency, quality, and speed of designing, delivering knowledge and skill across the organization.

2.3.3 Adaptability
The third culture trait is adaptability and it typically represents the ability of an organization in translating the environment into affirmative action through creating change, customer focus and organizational learning. Adaptability is a mean to recognize and respond to external and internal environments and local community. The organization requires capacity in response to either of the environments and restructures behaviors and processes appropriately, Denison, (1990). The low adaptability emphasizes to focus purely on internal and hindering to respond competitors, customers, and employees with modern ideas and makes sluggishness in action and past achievements could hamper its subsequent success.

(i) Creating Change
The creating change deals with the ability to develop adaptive ways to accommodate meet changing needs of an organization. Therefore, an organization must be capable to follow the environment, instantly respond to current trends, and anticipate future changes (Denison et al., 2006).

(ii) Customer Focus
The customer focus is understood and reacting to them and anticipating their future needs. Customer Focus reflects the degree to which an organization is driven by satisfying their buyers.

(iii) Organizational Learning
The organization receives, translates and interprets signals from the environment into opportunities. These opportunities are exploited to encourage innovation, gaining knowledge and developing capabilities. Maximizing the value of employees’ cognitive assets required to promote their culture and intellectual participation. It facilitates both individual and organizational learning, new knowledge creation and application and the willingness to disseminate knowledge with others.

2.3.4 Mission
According to Denison et al., (2006), statement, the mission represents the final trait and it involves in defining a
meaningful long-term direction for the organization. A mission provides the purpose and meaning by defining a social role and external goals of the organization. It provides a explicit direction and goals to serve in an appropriate course of action for the organization and its members and shape current behavior by envisioning a desired future state.

(i) Strategic Direction and Intent
A Clear strategic direction and intention depend on the organization’s purpose and it explains clearly about the contribution of everyone. The strategic planning and identification are crucial for maintaining an organizational culture and its “makes their mark” in the institution, Baker (2002).

(ii) Goals and Objectives
The setting of a clear-cut set of goals and objectives can be linked to the mission, vision and strategy and it provides a apparent direction to the employees work.

(iii) Vision
The organization’s shared view of a desired future state and it typically represents the core values and captures the hearts and minds of its people and provides appropriate guidance and direction.

2.4 Employee Commitment

The commitment relates to an individual’s attraction and attachment to the work and the organization. The commitment represents a socio-psychological bonding of an individual and to his groups, organization, goals and values, occupation and profession, Abebe & Markus (2016). The organizational commitment consists of three essential elements like affective, continuance and normative commitments. The Newstrom & Davies, (2002), revealed that employee commitment represent a degree to which an employee identifies his organization and wants to continue participating enthusiastically in it. The commitment is a measure of the employees’ inclination to remain in an organization for the future and reflects their belief on the mission and goals of the firm, desire to expend effort in accomplishments and intention to work continuously in the firm. The commitment is stronger for long-term employees because they are experienced personnel, more committed in work with their group leads to the success of the organization.

2.4.1 The Dimensions of Employee Commitment
The most of the employee commitment theories was the conceptualization Allen & Meyer (1990). This theory was differed from others in the nature of the description of the psychological state of being. There were three dimensions of employees’ commitments identified; they are affective, continuance and normative commitments. The normative commitment represents relatively a modern aspect in the organizational commitment and defined after the two other dimensions, Allen & Mayer, (1990).

(i) Affective commitment
The affective commitment is referred to an employee’s emotional attachment, involvement, and identification with the organization and its goals. The affective commitment involves in three aspects like the formation of emotional attachment, identification and desire to maintain organizational membership in an organization. The identification and commitment will arise based on employees’ own willingness to stay in the organization, Allen & Meyer; Meyer et al, (2004). The affective commitment is an emotional affiliation of the employees with the organization and it consist of three factors like beliefs, willingness and desire towards the organizational goal, Porter (1974). A study conducted by Mowday (1982), categorized the affective commitment with personal and structural characteristics, job and work experience. The effective environment provides happiness to the employee and subsequently increases the emotional attachment with the organization, George et al, (2011). The affective commitment is immensely necessary for the organizations to create a strong willingness to the employees to stay in the organization and accepting its objectives and values, Allen & Mayer, (1990).

(ii) Continuance commitment
The continuance commitment is initiated from the employees needs to stay in the organization by considering and understanding of costs of leaving and willingness to remain in the organization because of ‘Nontransferable’ investment of employees. The nontransferable investment includes retirement, relationships with other employees, and exceptional things of the organization Allen & Mayer, (1990), Brockner et al, (1992). The continuance commitment comprised of a number of years employment, the unique benefits received by the employees from the organization (Hunt & Morgan, 1994). In continuance commitment, the employees consider the disadvantages of leaving the organization and avoid quitting. Moreover, the continuance commitment represents not a negative commitment type by the organizations. The continuance commitment is low when compared with affective commitment in the organization, Meyer & Allen (1997).

(iii) Normative commitment
The Normative commitment is referred to a gratified feeling of an employee towards organization, and it is a value of loyalty and responsibility of an employee regarding his commitment to the organization, Meyer & Allen (1997). The normative commitment is natural, and it arises from the society due to other commitments like marriage, family, religion, etc. these commitments urge the employees to feel the ethical obligation in the organization, Meyer et al, (2004).

3. Methodology

3.1 Profile of the Study Area Population
The study was designed as descriptive and inferential research to examine the effect of organizational culture on employee commitment. The study conducted at Arba Minch University, Gamo zone, SNNPR (South Nation, Nationality People Region), Ethiopia. The University consisted of 2017 permanent academic staffs totally including 1718 male and 299 female.
3.2 Sample size of the population

The total population of the study was 2017 in which the sample size of the study determined according to Yamane Taro’s (1967), formula. \( n = \frac{N \times (1+N(e)^2)}{N+1+N(e)^2} \). Where e = tolerance at the preferred level of confidence, N = study population, n = sample size, take e = 0.05 at 95% confidence level. Therefore, the sample size population was \( n = 334 \) (\( n=2017/1+2017(0.05)^2 \)).

3.3 Sampling method and Technique

The study used probability sampling method. The aggregate population of the study was stratified according to institution and colleges included in Arba Minch University. The stratified random sampling technique was employed, and samples were extracted from each stratum randomly indicated in the below table in detail.

Table 1: Sampling population

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<th>Total population</th>
<th>Sample population</th>
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<td>Name of Institute or college of AMU</td>
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<td>Arba Minch Institute of Tech</td>
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<td>Arba Minch Water Tech Institute</td>
<td>224</td>
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<tr>
<td>College of Natural Science</td>
<td>289</td>
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<tr>
<td>College of Medical &amp; Health Science</td>
<td>307</td>
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<tr>
<td>College of Agricultural Science</td>
<td>128</td>
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<tr>
<td>College of Business &amp; Economics</td>
<td>169</td>
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<tr>
<td>College of Social Science &amp; Humanity</td>
<td>237</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>1718</td>
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Source: Primary source

3.4 Data Collection

The study employed both primary and secondary data. The primary informations were collected by a structured questionnaire directly from the respondents through the survey. As far as survey questionnaire was concerned, it consisted of three sections such as Demographic information, Organizational culture traits and Employee commitment and the secondary data point were collected from various published and unpublished journals and documents.

3.5 Data Analysis

A five-point Likert scale was employed with highest to the lowest rating like strongly agreed (5) to strongly disagreed (1) and the collected data were analyzed in both descriptive and inferential statistics. The descriptive statistics employed tabulation, percentage, cumulative percentage, reliability test, Mean and S.D and in the inferential statistics, one way ANOVA, T-test, Correlation coefficient and Multivariate regression analysis were applied. The stata 14.0 version software was utilized to analyze the data.

4. Results and Discussions

The descriptive and inferential analyses were presented regarding the effect of organizational culture on employee commitment in Arba Minch University, Arba Minch town, Gamo Gofa Zone, SNNPR region, Ethiopia. In the total of 334 questionnaires, the researcher distributed 330 set of questions in which 298 (90%) survey forms were duly filled and returned by the respondents proved in the below table.

Table 2: Distribution of questionnaire

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<th>Variables</th>
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<td>Questionnaires returned</td>
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<td>Questionnaires unreturned</td>
<td>32</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>330</td>
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4.1 Reliability and Validity analysis

The Cronbach Coefficient alpha test was employed to establish the instrument reliability and it was used to measure the internal consistency of independent and dependent variables. The reasonable standard of Cronbach alpha test is 0.70 and all values were above the level. Therefore, it was considered as good reliability shown in the below table.

Table 3: Reliability Analysis

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<th>No</th>
<th>Variables</th>
<th>Cronbach’s Alpha</th>
<th>No of items</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Involvement</td>
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<td>15</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Consistency</td>
<td>0.967</td>
<td>14</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Adaptability</td>
<td>0.882</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Mission</td>
<td>0.958</td>
<td>13</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Affective commitment</td>
<td>0.894</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Continuous commitment</td>
<td>0.884</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>Normative commitment</td>
<td>0.886</td>
<td>6</td>
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4.2 Demographic profile of respondents

The various demographic profiles of respondents like Gender, Age, Marital Status, Education and work experience were presented and discussed through tables. They represent as follows,

Table 4: Gender of the respondents

<table>
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<th>Gender</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Percent (%)</th>
<th>Cumulative percent</th>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>248</td>
<td>83.22</td>
<td>83.22</td>
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<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>16.78</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>298</td>
<td>100.00</td>
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Source: Primary source (2019).

From the above table, in the total of 298 respondents, 248 (83.22%) male and 50 (16.78%) responders were female. From the table majority of them working in the University were male.
The preceding table revealed that 160 (53.69%) respondents were in the age group of 22-30 years, followed by 109 (36.58%) were fallen in 31 to 39 years age group, 16 (5.37%) were come under 40-49 years age group and the remaining 13 (4.36%) respondents were in above 50 years category. From this majority of the respondents were in the young age group between 22-30 years.

The above table indicated that 149 (50%) respondents were single and remaining 146 (49%) married and very meagre respondents 3 (1%) were fallen in a divorced category. From the table it was absolutely half of the respondents were single.

The previous table revealed together the agreement on average affective, continuance and normative commitments of academic staffs in the University were interpreted in detail below.

The Level of Agreement on Affective commitment of employee

The agreement on affective commitment of academic staffs’ average were 88 (29.5%) had low, 127 (42.60%) had a medium and 83 (27.90%) respondents maintained high agreement. From this the majority of respondents had a medium level agreement on the affective commitment at the University.

The Level of Agreement on Continuance commitment of employee

The agreement on continuance commitment of the academic employees’ average were 85(28.5%) had low, 129 (43.3%) had a medium and 84 (28.2%) respondent accepted high agreement. Therefore, most of the university academicians’ had medium level agreement on continuance commitment.
The Level of Agreement on Normative Commitment of employee

The agreement on normative commitment of the academic staffs average were 88 (29.5%) had low, 126 (42.3%) had a medium and 84 (28.2%) acknowledged high agreement. Hence, most of the academic staffs’ in the university had medium level agreement on normative commitment.

4.5 Level of Agreement on Organizational Culture

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Score</th>
<th>Average Involvement (AVINV)</th>
<th>Average Consistency (AVCON)</th>
<th>Average Adaptability (AVADP)</th>
<th>Average Mission (AVMIS)</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Frequency</td>
<td>%</td>
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<td>1.00</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>2.00</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>33.56</td>
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<td>3.00</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>26.17</td>
<td>87</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mean</td>
<td>2.7613</td>
<td>2.7905</td>
<td>2.8049</td>
<td>2.7963</td>
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</table>

Source: Primary source (2019).

The preceding table revealed together the agreement on average organizational culture traits of academic staffs (involvement, consistency, adaptability and mission) in the university was presented as follows.

The Level of Agreement on Involvement of Employees

The agreement on the involvement of academic staffs average was 120 (40.27%) had low, 100 (33.56%) provided a medium and 78 (26.17%) received significant agreement. Thus, majority of the university academic staffs had low level agreement on involvement.

The Level of Agreement on Consistency of Employees

The agreement on the consistency of academic staffs average was 123 (41.28%) had low, 88 (29.5%) had a medium and 87 (29.19%) obtained high agreement. From this most of the university academic staffs had low level agreement on consistency.

The Level of Agreement on Adaptability of Employees

The agreement on the adaptability of academic staffs average were 70 (23.49%) had low, 194 (65.10%) had a medium and 34 (11.41%) had high agreement. From this majority of the university staffs had medium level agreement on adaptability.

The Level of agreement on Mission of employees

The agreement on the mission of academic staffs average was 114 (38.26%) had low, 97 (32.55%) had a medium and 87 (29.19%) maintained high agreement. From this majority of the university academic staffs had low level agreement on mission.

4.6 T-test Analysis

According to Levene’s Equality of Variances test, if the significance level is greater than 0.05, it is assumed that group variances are the same then the first row of t-test results used. If it is equivalent to or lesser than 0.05, it is assumed that the group variances are not identical, then second row of t-test results used. In this study, the significance level of affective, continuance and normative commitments were larger than 0.05, therefore, the first row of t-test results were used. In addition, the significance different among the group was determined based on P value for the similar variances. If P>0.05, there is no significant difference between two equal variables and if P<0.05, then there is a significant between groups.

Table 11: T-test analysis for employees commitment based on gender

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variables</th>
<th>Gender</th>
<th>N</th>
<th>Mean</th>
<th>SD</th>
<th>DF</th>
<th>T</th>
<th>P(0.05)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Affective Commitment</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>2.7933</td>
<td>1.05708</td>
<td>296</td>
<td>-0.254</td>
<td>0.800</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Female</td>
<td>248</td>
<td>2.8320</td>
<td>0.96742</td>
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<td>Continuous commitment</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>2.8133</td>
<td>1.07999</td>
<td>296</td>
<td>-0.229</td>
<td>0.819</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Female</td>
<td>248</td>
<td>2.8481</td>
<td>0.95737</td>
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<tr>
<td>Normative Commitment</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>2.7900</td>
<td>1.05507</td>
<td>296</td>
<td>-0.293</td>
<td>0.770</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Female</td>
<td>248</td>
<td>2.8347</td>
<td>0.96881</td>
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The above T-test analysis table showed that the T value was t (296) = -0.254, -0.229 and -0.293 respectively, and P value was greater than 0.05 (P>0.05). Therefore, the affective, continuance and normative commitments based on gender were not statistically significant between the groups. From this there was no significant difference between male and female academic staffs in affective, continuous and normative commitments.

4.7 One way ANOVA test

The one way ANOVA used to analyze the multiple samples and examine the significance difference between more than two sample means simultaneously. Therefore, the one-way ANOVA analysis used to determine the significant differences between the means of three or more independent (unrelated) groups. The crucial assumption required to run the ANOVA test is homogeneity of variance and this homogeneity of variance test was done in SPSS software Levene's test. According to this test the uniformity of variance was found, and the assumption was accepted based...
on ‘P’ value in each case. Most of the variables were found greater than P value 0.05 (P>0.05) and some variables found less than the P value (P<0.05) and this indicates a violation of the assumption. Therefore, Brown-Forsythe’s robust test for equality of means was conducted to ensure the possibility of using one-way ANOVA test. The one way ANOVA test was conducted to examine the commitments of academic staffs in the University based on their Age, Marital status, Education, and Work experience individually.

### Employee commitment based on Age

The output of Levene’s test was tenable regarding the assumption of homogeneity of variance with ‘P’ value (P>0.05). That was (0.000, 0.000, and 0.000) for affective, continuous and normative commitment of employees based on their age group. Therefore, the one way ANOVA test was applied to analyze the significance of academic staffs commitments based on their age group.

| Table 12: One way ANOVA analysis for employee commitment based on Age |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Variables              | 22-30                  | 31-39                  | 40-49                  | Above 50               | P(0.05)                |
| Affective Commitment   | 2.9979                 | 2.6330                 | 2.5208                 | 2.6923                 | 294                    | 3.739                 | 0.012                 |
| Continuous commitment  | 3.0188                 | 2.6483                 | 2.5208                 | 2.6923                 | 294                    | 3.966                 | 0.009                 |
| Normative Commitment   | 2.9969                 | 2.6391                 | 2.5208                 | 2.6923                 | 294                    | 3.618                 | 0.014                 |

The preceding ANOVA table revealed that no statistically significant difference discovered based on F and P values (3.294) = (3.739), (3.966) and (3.618) and (0.012), (0.009) and (0.014) (P>0.05) respectively in all age groups. In contrast, the Bonferroni test results showed that a statistically significant difference detected based on Mean and P values in affective commitment (0.364891), (-0.364891), and (0.016) (P<0.05), continuous commitment (0.37043), (-0.37043), and (0.013) (P<0.05) and normative commitment (0.35773), (-0.35773) and (0.019) (P<0.05) in between in the age group of 22-30 and 31-40 and no significant difference found in other age groups.

### Employee commitment based on marital status

The output of Levene’s test was tenable regarding the assumption of homogeneity of variance with ‘P’ value (P>0.05) that was (0.412, 0.533, and 0.406) for affective, continuous and normative commitment of employees based on their marital status. Therefore, the one way ANOVA test was applied to analyze the significance of academic staffs commitments based on their marital status.

| Table 13: One way ANOVA analysis for employee commitment based on Martial status |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Variables              | single                 | Married                | Divorced               | F                      | P(0.05)                |
| Affective Commitment   | 2.6846                 | 2.9612                 | 3.2222                 | 295                    | 3.225                 | 0.041                 |
| Continuous commitment  | 2.6969                 | 2.9783                 | 3.4444                 | 295                    | 3.700                 | 0.026                 |
| Normative Commitment   | 2.6834                 | 2.9612                 | 3.4444                 | 295                    | 3.610                 | 0.028                 |

The preceding ANOVA table showed that there was a statistically significant difference exposed based on F and P values (2.295) = (3.225), (3.700), and (3.610) and (0.026) and (0.028) (P<0.05) respectively in the marital status of respondents. Even though there was a significant difference in commitments of respondents, this ANOVA test failed to point out clearly that in which aspect the marital status differ from one another. Therefore, the study used a post hoc test analysis or a planned comparison among particular means. According to Bonferroni test there were statistically significant differences in between single and married respondents based on Mean and P values in affective commitment (-0.2766235), (0.2766235) and (0.046) and (P<0.05), continuance commitment (-0.28144), (0.28144) and (0.039) (P<0.05) and normative commitment (-0.27774), (.27774) and (0.045) (P<0.05) and no significant differences in divorce category.

### Employee commitment based on Education

The Levene’s test result was reasonable to use, according to the assumption of homogeneity of variance with ‘P’ value (P>0.05) that was (0.472, 0.501 and 0.440) for affective, continuous and normative commitments. Therefore, the one way ANOVA test was applied to analyze the significance of academic staffs commitments based on their educational levels.

| Table 14: One way ANOVA analysis for employee commitment based on level of education |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Variables              | First Degree          | Masters                | PhD and above          | F                      | P(0.05)                |
| Affective Commitment   | 3.2391                 | 2.7458                 | 2.8333                 | 295                    | 5.010                 | .007                  |
| Continuous commitment  | 3.2754                 | 2.7597                 | 2.8333                 | 295                    | 5.539                 | .004                  |
| Normative Commitment   | 3.2355                 | 2.7486                 | 2.8333                 | 295                    | 4.868                 | .008                  |

The above ANOVA table stated that a statistically significance difference discovered based on F and P values (2.295) = F (5.010), (5.539), and (4.868), and P (0.007), (0.004), and (0.008) (P<0.05) respectively. The Bonferroni test revealed that there was a statistically significant difference in between first and master degree holders based on Mean and P values in affective commitment (0.4932971), (-0.4932971) and (0.005) (P<0.05), continuance commitment (0.51564), (-0.51564) and (0.003) (P<0.05) and normative commitment (0.48690), (-0.48690) and (0.006) (P<0.05) and on significant difference found in between PhD and master degree holders.

### Employee commitment based on work experience

The Levene’s test of homogeneity of variances result was accepted and used according to the assumption of uniformity of variance with ‘P’ value (P>0.05) that was (0.169, 0.152 and 0.168) for affective, continuous and normative commitments respectively. Therefore, the one way ANOVA test was applied to analyze the significance of academic staffs commitments based on their work experience.
The pervious ANOVA table revealed a statistically significant difference found based on F and P values (2.295) = F (3.026), (3.190), (2.929) and P (0.030), (0.024), (0.034) (P<0.05) respectively, according to their work experience. The Bonferroni test revealed a statistically significant difference found in between less than 5 years and 6-10 years work experiences based on Mean and P values in affective commitment (0.3342713), (-0.3342713) and (0.033) (P<0.005), continuance commitment (0.33614), (-0.33614) and (0.031) (P<0.005) and normative commitment (0.32840), (-0.32840) and (0.039) (P>0.005) and no significant difference was found in between 11-15 and above 15 years work experience.

4.8 Correlation coefficient analysis

The correlation coefficient analysis used to examine and evaluate the relationship between organizational culture traits and employee commitments. The correlation coefficient highlighted the strength of association between the variables and inter-correlation coefficient (r) used to estimate the interrelationship among the variables and P value indicated the related probability significance.

Table 15: One way ANOVA analysis for employee commitment based on work experience

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<th>6-10 years</th>
<th>11-15 years</th>
<th>Above 15 years</th>
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The above correlation coefficient table showed the correlation analysis between organizational culture traits and academic staffs’ commitments in the Arba Minch University. From the analysis, it showed a positive and statistically significant and high correlation between the variables.

Correlation between Involvement and employee commitment variables

The correlation analysis table showed a positive and significant relationship found between involvement and affective, continuance and normative commitments based on the ‘r’ and ‘P’ value (r = 0.849, p<.05), (r = 0.857, p<.05) and (r = 0.851, p<.05) respectively. Therefore, while improving the level of involvement more the academic staffs’ commitment levels also relatively raised.

Correlation between Consistency and employee commitment variables

The correlation analysis table showed a positive and significant relationship discovered between consistency and affective, continuance and normative commitments based on the ‘r’ and ‘P’ value (r = 0.891, p<.05), (r = 0.894, p<.05), and (r = 0.893, p<.05) respectively. From this, it clearly indicated that while improving the level of consistency more the academic staffs’ commitment levels also moderately raised.

Correlation between Adaptability and employee commitment variables

The correlation analysis table showed a positive and significant relationship detected between the adaptability and affective, continuous and normative commitments based on the ‘r’ and ‘P’ value respectively (r = 0.893, p<.05), (r = 0.999, p<.05) and (r = 0.993, p<.05). This revealed that while improving the level of adaptability more the academic staffs’ commitment levels also reasonably raised.

Correlation between Mission and employee commitment variables

The correlation analysis table showed a positive and significant relationship found between the mission and affective, continuance and normative commitments based on the ‘r’ and ‘P’ value respectively (r = 0.812, p<.05), (r = 0.815, p<.05). This showed that while improving the level of mission more the academic staffs’ commitment level also raised.

4.9 Multivariate Regression analysis

The multivariate regression analysis was used to examine the relationship between more than two variables and explain the effects on independent variables and it was applied to investigate the relationship between the dependent (affective, continuance and normative commitments) and independent (involvement, consistency, adaptability and mission) variables.

Affective commitment and organizational culture traits
The above regression table stated a positive significant on all independent variables except adaptability based on P value (P<0.05). Therefore, the involvement, consistency and mission were affected significantly the dependent variable (affective commitment). The independent variables coefficient value (β) on affective commitment were (β= 0.227), (β= 0.467), (β= 0.067) and (β= 0.112) respectively and the consistency was the highest predictor of affective commitment compared to other discrete variables. Therefore, one unit of the increment in independent variables would result in (β= 0.467, P<0.05), (β= 0.227, P<0.05) and (β= 0.112, p<.05) unit increase in affective commitment.

The independent variables were significant and positively influenced the normative commitment (β = 0.067, P>0.05). Therefore, the involvement, consistency and mission were affected the dependent variable (normative commitment). The independent variables coefficient value (β) on normative commitment were affected (β= 0.076, p<.05) and (β= 0.097, p<.05) unit increase in normative commitment and all discrete variables were significant and positively influenced the normative commitment.

The above regression table stated a positive significant on all independent variables except adaptability based on P value (P<0.05). Therefore, the involvement, consistency and mission were affected the dependent variable (continuance commitment). The independent variables coefficient value (β) on continuance commitment were affected (β= 0.254, (β= 0.454), (β= 0.076) and (β=0 .097) respectively and consistency was the highest predictor of the continuance commitment compared to other discrete variables.

The above regression table revealed all independent variables were significant based on the ‘P’ value (P<0.05). Therefore, the independent variables were positively affected the dependent variable (continuance commitment). The independent variables coefficient value (β) on continuance commitment were affected (β= 0.254), (β= 0.454), (β= 0.076) and (β=0 .097) respectively and consistency was the highest predictor of the continuance commitment compared to other discrete variables. From this, one unit of the increment in independent variables would result in (β= 0.454, p<.05), (β= 0.254, p<.05), (β= 0.076, p<.05) and (β= 0.097, p<.05) unit increase in continuance commitment and all discrete variables were significant and positively influenced the continuance commitment.

### 5. Summary of Conclusions

The core points of the findings of the study were summed up and presented as a summary and conclusions below as follows.

- The affective, continuous and normative commitment levels of academic staffs in Arba Minch University were found majorly the medium agreement. They were 127(42.6%) (2.82), 129(43.3%) (2.84) and 126 (42.3%) (2.82) respectively with the mean value.
- The agreement on organizational (university) culture was concerned the involvement, consistency and mission were found low agreement based on percentage and mean value, they were 120 (40.3%) (2.76), 123 (41.3%) (2.79), and 114 (38.3%) (2.79) respectively and the adaptability 194 (65.1%) (2.80) had medium agreement among the academic staffs in the Arba Minch University.
- The mean value of affective, continuous and normative commitments of male academic staffs were higher than females in the Arba Minch University. They were (2.83), (2.84) and (2.83) respectively.
- The academic staffs commitments based on marital status, education, and work experience were significantly differed according to P value (P<0.05) but depended on the age group there was insignificance found (P>0.05) in Arba Minch University.
The correlation analysis discovered a positive and statistically significant relationship between the organizational culture and employees’ commitment in the Arba Minch University.

There was a positive and significant relationship recognized between involvement and affective, continuance and normative commitment based on ‘r’ and ‘P’ values (r = 0.849, p<0.05), (r = 0.857, p<0.05) respectively. In the same way, a positive and significance relationship were found between consistency and affective, continuance and normative commitment (r = 0.891, p<0.05), (r = 0.894, p<0.05) and (r = 0.893, p<0.05) respectively.

The adaptability and affective, continuance and normative commitments were found a optimistic and significant relationship based on ‘r’ and ‘P’ values (r = 0.413, p<0.05), (r = 0.418, p<0.05) and (r = 0.413, p<0.05). A positive and significant relationship was found between the mission and affective, continuance and normative commitments according to ‘r’ and ‘P’ values (r = 0.812, p<0.05), (r = 0.812, p<0.05) and (r = 0.815, p<0.05) respectively.

The multivariate regression analysis described the organizational culture traits that the consistency had the highest beta value and most significant while compared to other traits in predicting the affective, continuance and normative commitments based on beta value (β = 0.467, p<0.05), (β = 0.454, p<0.05), (β = 0.465, p<0.05) respectively. Therefore, predominantly consistency trait caused the acutest effect on increasing the level of affective, continuous and normative commitment of academic staffs in Arba Minch University. However, adaptability trait had a lowest effect on increasing the level of affective, continuous and normative commitment.

6. Recommendations

Based on the findings of the study, the following suggestions were forwarded to the management of Arba Minch University.

To increase the commitment level of academic employees, the management of Arba Minch University has to amplify the prevailing organizational culture qualities. The involvement of academic staffs may enhance better by disseminating the right information to execute the rational decisions, encouraging academic personnel participation in discussions, appreciating and recognizing the team works to attain cooperation from various sub-sets of organization. The delegation of necessary authority and responsibilities at needed time and places to bring out their potentials to prove their efficiencies.

The management has to apply a characteristics administration style to improve and maintain the consistency by evaluating and modifying the present managerial practices now and then, enforce a appropriate ethical code of conducts to guide and direct employees behavior, create a thriving culture and consistent series of values to govern the academic staffs’ effectively and establish an unambiguous agreement regarding the right and wrong ways to carry out the things.

To enhance the affective commitment of scholarly employees, the management has to create a clear perception to urge academic staffs to commit themselves through build a cherished belief and recognizing them that they represent integral part of the organizational family.

To reinforce the continuance and normative commitments, the management has to construct a conducive environment, work freedom, cordial relationship among the staffs and make known well everyone about policy, mission, vision, goals and values of the University and develop employees to consider their obligation and responsibilities to remain in the present job and deserves their loyalty.

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