STUDENTS’ PREPARATION IN THESIS PROPOSAL SEMINAR (CASE OF OFFLINE AND ONLINE PRESENTATION)

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ABSTRACT
Thesis proposal seminar is one of the requirements for English Education Department students to process their thesis. Students should present a thesis proposal that provides information about the research. Nowadays, the thesis proposal seminar not only present in offline but also online presentation. For making a great presentation, students should organize the components of preparation for both online and offline presentation. This research focuses on the preparation of online and offline presentations. This is descriptive qualitative research that is used to describe students’ preparation by using questionnaire and depth-interview. The subjects of this research were the English Education Department’s students who have done thesis proposal seminar presentations both online and offline. Based on the results showed that there were some students’ preparation for making a great presentation in online and offline. In online preparation, those are planning the event times, practicing the presentation, setting up the environment, maximizing audio quality, and have a backup plan. On the other hand, in offline preparation, those are practicing oral presentations with others, preparing good PowerPoints, remembering the methodology, audio recording to listen to fluent speaking, and video recording for looking at the body language of presentation and mental presentation.

Keywords : Preparation, Thesis Proposal Seminar, Offline and Online Presentation

INTRODUCTION
Students University have an important course for their responsibility as a member of community in elite level. One of the course is final course, that students called is thesis. Most of higher education that require the student to learn about the research as a requirement to be bachelor degree. Before presenting the thesis examination, one of steps that students do was thesis proposal seminar as a general information about the thesis. In thesis proposal seminar students should present their proposal in front of many people and examiners as clear as possible. Participants be able to ask a question or give a suggestion for presenter in their proposal. Examiners should give comment and suggestion to presenter for continuing a research.

In thesis proposal seminar, presenter not only prepare about the material presentation but also students should prepare more for being success seminar. Nowdays thesis proposal seminar
not only in offline presentation but also online presentation, furthermore in pandemic (covid-19) situation. Everyone has to speak in virtual meeting for presentation. In new situation, students have to extra preparation for doing online thesis proposal seminar. Offline an online seminar has different strategies to prepare the seminar. Students should be aware for the challenges in new situation. In this case, the researcher should collect the information about students’ preparation between offline and online presentation.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Thesis proposal seminar is first of hard assignment as a final students. Chanie (2019) states that students should prepare their own proposal in graduate program, practicing and passing in online situation should solve the problem and provide the technologies. As we know for online presentation students should be able in technology and internet connection. Internet connection or online makes our activity quickly than before but in the field not all of people able to do it. In new era, technology as an important thing for everyone, especially in millenial generation. According to Champbell (2015) nowadays webinar or online presentation is trend of using internet in new communication, commonpalce for people to conduct video chats with someone. In online presentation or webinar, people can prepare the setting place which available of the internet. It is also for students in their seminar, students should prepare high internet connection and nice place for presentation. With nice place or nice preparation the event should be better. Molay (2010) explains the important tips students should influence everyone with planning, content preparation, delivery style and follow – through after the presentation. He also gives the tips of webinar preparation. They are planning the event times, practicing the presentation, setting up the environment, maximizing audio quality, and have a backup plan. Based on Molay said, students are able to prepare the tips for making great presentation. Great presentation also called success presentation, because should give clear information to all participants.

Thesis proposal seminar is a presentation about thesis proposal or oral presentation in front of participants and advisers (offline presentation). Nugraha (2018) states that the function of seminar is conveying ideas to all of participants or the plan before be a real thesis. In offline presentation students should give clear explanation in front of participants and examiners which should give comment and suggestion. Rini (2017) said that many activities students to prepare for the presentation such as practicing oral presentations with others, audio recording to listen to fluent speaking, video recording for looking at the body language of presentation. The others people, Musa (2013) said that preparing good PowerPoints, remembering the
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methodology, and mental presentation also important for making perfectly. Based on the theory, researcher should do between offline and online seminar for students.

METHOD

This qualitative research used questionnaire and interview to collect the data. To find out students’s preparation in offline and online presentation of thesis proposal seminar. They are 30 students participated in this research. They majored in English Education Department of UIN Antasari Banjarmasin, which students have to use english presentation in seminar. Students were asked to answer the questionnaire and interview for getting more information. The activities to prepare the presentation were identified. Some of students have in same answer and own preparation for themselves. Most of students have same preparation which just different in the situtation or the time.

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

RQ : what are students’ preparation in offline and online presentation ?

In the field students are agree about the question of the researcher, most of the students also prepared practicing for presentation as much as possible. Sometimes they also record and take a video for looking their presentation. Every students hopes that presentation successfully, not only in presenting the proposal but also answering the question from participants and examiners.

There are six kinds of preparation students did to prepare in offline presentation:

1. Practicing oral presentations with others
   Students asked the help from their friends for listening when training before presentation. That should makes students more confidence on their ability.

2. Preparing good PowerPoints
Power point is more important for making nice presentation, with good power point people is excited to know what should we present.

3. Remembering the methodology
Students are agree to remember the methodology of the research for explaining clearly. With clear method students are able to answer the question about methodology.

4. Audio recording to listen to fluent speaking
Some students record their voice to know how their speaking in english and the timer of the presentation. It is also about the fluently when presentation.
5. Video recording for looking at the body language of presentation
Video is also helping students to make high confidence to see how students explain the presentation and to know about their expression and body language.

6. Mental Presentation
In High good mental, students more happy and do not be insecure of their ability.

There are five kinds of preparation students did to prepare in online presentation:

1. Planning the event times
Students prepared the presentation event the time, such as morning, or others and the weather of the day. It is good day or not. Sometimes in raining, it is should annoy the presentation.
2. Practicing the presentation

Practicing is the best way, because with practice makes perfect, with practice makes easier. Students always practice before presentation to get relaxation when seminar.

3. Setting up the environment

Students have to prepare for nice place, such as in home, office, or public place. They should be careful of the condition. Sometimes people or neighbor should annoy during the presentation. Then, students should set it up as nice place.

4. Maximizing audio quality

In online presentation, the important thing that students should prepare the quality of audio or internet audio and also the media that support the presentation such as laptop, smartphone, speaker, and others.
5. Have a backup plan

Students have to prepare other plans when got the problem during presentation, and also to know how to solve the problem, especially in internet connection.

Based on the finding above, most of students are agree to prepare well for seminar. Some students who said disagree or strongly disagree, they do not do the preparation in their seminar. Students told to the researcher that problem was annoyed students in seminar perfectly. Then, students gave suggestion that they should more preparation for the next thesis examination.

**CONCLUSION**

To make great presentation, students should have kinds of strategies or preparation for presentation. Not only enough in speaking fluently but also the technical that support the skills. Offline and online presentation are few different strategies and students should be able to master in own situation. Without strategies of preparation students were difficult to do seminar well, during seminar students faced many unexpected situation which solve the problem quickly. Hopefully the kinds of preparation in this research is useful for students everywhere.
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