# Estimation of Expected Academic Staff Structure of Universities in South East, Nigeria: A Stationary Markov Chain Approach 

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#### Abstract

Due to the high unpredictable human behaviour and social environment where the manpower system functions, there is need to study the manpower structure of any organization to avoid challenges such as short fall and surplus of skilled staff in the organization which has the potential of leading to costly staff capacity problem. This study examined the expected academic staff structure of selected Universities in South East Nigeria. The transition probability of the University grade levels were found to be stationary over the observed period and positive recurrent or strongly ergodic. The result of the prediction equation model found that at the beginning of the $2020 / 21$ session $(t=11)$, it is expected that the staff structure of the University Institution will consist of 336 Assistant Lecturers, 921 Lecturers II, 835 Lecturers I, 1654 Senior Lecturers, 460 Readers and 62 Professors; if the current recruitment and promotion policies in the institutions remains unchanged.


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## I. INTRODUCTION

IIn recent time, manpower development has been identified as an accepted phenomenon in many global organizations. In tertiary institutions for instance, lecturers' development programmes are considered very important to the productivity of the institution. These developmental programmes are planned activities that focus on increasing the capabilities, improving the technical and conceptual skills of lecturers so that they can possess the necessary and required abilities to handle complex situations and better perform their job. Through renewal activities, lecturers avoid becoming unsophisticated (Peretomode and Chukwuma, 2016).
The important of studying the career pattern in any organization cannot be overemphasized this is because it helps policy makers and planners for effectively implement policies and manage the system properly. Hence, the aim of this study is to determine the expected academic staff structure of selected South East Universities in Nigeria.

## II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Dessler (2005) opined that staffing as management function determines the type of people that should be hired, recruiting
prospective employees; selecting employees setting performance standards; compensating employees; evaluating performances; counselling employee; training and developing employees. This concept of staffing is central to both management and human resource management which involves the process of acquiring, training, appraising and compensating employees, and attending their labour task, health and safety, and fairness concern.

Ekankumo et al. (2011) examined the human resource management skills required for the administration of tertiary institution the Niger Delta region in Nigeria. The findings of their study showed that the opinion of the respondent vary significantly in some of items in the research instrument. The study revealed that all the major skills of human resource management need to be emphasized in time of management, while government should provide all resources needed for the practical training of students for the achievement of the aims and objectives of the institution.

Anyebe (2014) examined the performance of the Nigerian university system with regards to manpower development. The study focused on identifying areas that require urgent attention in order to reposition the university system to be highly productive in terms of quality of manpower. The study reveals that the expansion in the university system is characterized by a collective bag of limited success and continued challenges such as short fall of staff at some certain grades. It was recommended that for Nigerian university system to live up to its objective effectively, the university system needs to be evidence based planned in order to produce graduates that are versatile enough to acquire competitive positions as well as generate their own employment.

## III. METHODS AND MATERIAL

### 3.1 Method of Data collection

Secondary source of data collection was adopted for this study with data obtained from the Personnel Department of Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Imo State University, Owerri, and Federal University of Technology (FUTO), Owerri between

2006/07 - 2016/17 sessions. The selection criteria for these institution is on availability of the required data for this study.

### 3.2 Markov Chain

A Markov process $\left\{X_{t}\right\}$ is a stochastic process with the property that, given the value of $X_{t}$ the values of $X_{s}$, for $S>t$ are not influenced by the values of $X_{u}$ for $\boldsymbol{U}<t$. This implies that the probability of any particular future behaviour of the process, when its current state is known exactly, is not altered by any additional knowledge concerning its past behaviour (Taylor and Klarlin, 1998).
A discrete-time Markov chain can be defined as a Markov process whose state space is finite and whose (time) index set is $\mathrm{T}=0,1,2, \ldots$. Thus, the Markov property is that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Pr}\left\{X_{t+1}=j / X_{0}=i_{0}, \ldots, X_{t-1}=i_{t-1,} X_{t}=i\right\}=\operatorname{Pr}\left\{X_{t+1}=j / X_{t}=i\right\} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

For all time points $n$ and all states $\boldsymbol{i}_{0}, \ldots, \boldsymbol{i}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{i}, \boldsymbol{j}$.
It is frequently convenient to label the state space of the Markov chain by the nonnegative integers $\{0,1,2, \ldots\}$, which is often used unless the contrary is explicitly stated. It is customary to speak of $X_{t}$ as being in state $\boldsymbol{i}$ if $X_{t}=\boldsymbol{i}$.

The probability of the system $X_{t+1}$ being in state $j$ given that $X_{t}$ is in state $\boldsymbol{l}_{\text {is called the one }- \text { step transition }}$ probability and is denoted by $p_{i j}^{t, t+1}$. That is

$$
\begin{equation*}
p_{i j}^{t, t+1}=\operatorname{Pr}\left\{X_{t+1}=j \mid X_{t}=i\right\} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

In the present study, the grade range will run from $i=1,2,3$, 4, 5, 6 which represent the grade range from Assistant lecturer (1), Lecturer II (2), Lecturer I (3), Senior Lecturer (4), Reader (5) and Professor (6). Also, we shall consider, $\mathrm{t}=1,2,3,4,5$, $6,7,8,9,10,11$ to represent the academic sessions of the institution where $t=1$ stands for 2006/07 session, $t=2$ stands for 2007/08 session, $\mathrm{t}=3$ stands for 2008/09 session, $\mathrm{t}=4$ stands for 2009/10 session, $\mathrm{t}=5$ stands for $2010 / 11$ and $\mathrm{t}=6$ stand for $2011 / 2012$ session, $t=7$ stand for 2012/2013 session, $\mathrm{t}=8$ stand for 2013/2014 session, $\mathrm{t}=9$ stand for 2014/2015 session, $\mathrm{t}=10$ stand for 2015/2016 session, $\mathrm{t}=11$ stand for 2016/2017.

### 3.3 Model Assumptions And Notations

The following assumptions were made about the recruitment and promotion flow and the Transition Probability Matrices
(TPMS) which is denoted by $\boldsymbol{P}=\left[p_{i j}\right]_{m \times m}$, where m denotes the grade level.
a. Recruitment can be made into any of the grades at the beginning of any session, where $n_{0 j}$ represents the recruitment flow and $\quad P_{0 j}$ the probability of recruitment such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{0 j}=1 \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

b. Promotions in the Institution depend on such factors as the qualification, experience and productivity of staff. Due to individual differences, the wastage flow $\mathcal{W}_{i}$ with the independent transition probability $P_{i j}$ satisfy the condition (4)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sum_{j=1}^{n} p_{i j}+w_{i}=1, \text { for } i=1,2, \cdots n \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

c. The assumption of an orderly and stable flow would imply that the initial transition probability $\left(p_{i}\right)$ as well as the overall TPM (Transition Probability Matrix) $(P)$ is stationary overtime which implies that the probability matrix is independent of time.
d. Accelerated promotion is not allowed

The following notations are relevant in generating the manpower structure
i. $\quad n_{i}(t)=$ Number of staff in cadre $\boldsymbol{i}$ at the beginning of the $t^{t h}$ session
ii. $\quad N(t)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} n_{i}(t)$ the total size of staff at the beginning of the $t^{t h}$ session
iii. $\quad n_{i j}(t)=$ Number of persons who move from grade $\boldsymbol{i}$ to $\boldsymbol{j}$ at $\boldsymbol{i}^{t h}$ session
iv. $\quad \mathcal{W}_{i}=$ The wastage flow from $i^{t h}$ cadre within the $t^{t h}$ session
v. $\quad n_{0 j}(t)=$ The recruitment flow to grade $j$ at the beginning of the $t^{t h}$ session
vi. $\quad P_{i j}(t)=$ The transition probability of a person in grade $i$ moving to grade $j$ within the $t^{\text {th }}$ session $i, j=1,2, \ldots, n$

### 3.4 Transition Probabilities of the Manpower Structure

According to Bhat, (1971), the statistical inference procedure for the Markov chains uses the principle of maximum likelihood to exploit the multinomial distribution of $n_{i j}(t)$ given $n_{i}(t)$ for each period to obtain the estimates of $P_{i j}$ as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{p}_{i j}=\frac{n_{i j}(t)}{n_{i}(t)}, i=1,2, \ldots, 6, \mathrm{j}=1,2, \ldots, 7 \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

If stationarity holds, the pooled estimate becomes
$p_{i j}=\frac{\sum_{t=1}^{11} n_{i j}(t)}{\sum_{t=1}^{11} n_{i}(t)} \quad \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j}=1,2, \ldots, 7$

### 3.5 Stationarity of the Transition Probabilities of the Manpower Structure

The transition probabilities may be constant over time (Uche, 1978). Hence, in stochastic processes, if the transition probabilities over the period of study are not constant, the procedure is to estimate a different transition probability matrix for each transition within the period (Golan and Vogel, 2000; Karantininis, 2001).
Assumption of constant transition probabilities over time implies that $P_{i j}(t)=P_{i j}$ for all $i, j=1,2, \ldots, 6(7)$

The test hypothesis is stated as;
$H_{0}:$ Transition probabilities are constant over time
$H_{1}:$ Transition probabilities are not constant over time

To test the stationarity of the seasonal TPM's $P_{i}$ with elements $\hat{p}_{i j}(t)$ for $i=1,2, \ldots, 6(7)$, we use the following layout below.

The $\chi^{2}$ - test of Stationarity specify that transitions from row state $\boldsymbol{i}$ to state $\boldsymbol{j}$ are stationary at $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ - level of significance if

$$
\begin{align*}
& \chi^{2}=\sum_{j(i)=1}^{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{t=1}^{T} n_{i}^{(\mathrm{t})} \frac{\left(p_{i j}^{(\mathrm{t})-} p_{i j}\right)^{2}}{p_{i j}} \times \mathrm{G} \\
< & \chi_{(\alpha,(m-1))}^{2} \tag{7}
\end{align*}
$$

Where m is the number of $P_{i j}$ 's $>0$ (Cochran, 1952) and G is a normalizing constant.

### 3.5.1 Ergodicity of a Transition Markov Chain

Spanos (2003) described a stochastic process $\left\{X_{t}, t \in T\right\}$ to be ergodic if any characteristic of the process can be obtained with probability one from a single realization (sample path) of the process.
A Markov chain with N states is said to be ergodic if there exist $\pi=\left(\pi_{1}, \pi_{2, \mathrm{~L}}, \pi_{N}\right)$ such that;
(a) $\pi_{i}>0, i=1,2, \ldots, \mathrm{~N}$
(b) $\sum_{i=1}^{N} \pi_{i}=1$

Furthermore, Taylor and Karlin (1998) opined that the higher transition matrix can be computed by raising the transition probability matrix to a high order.

Let P be a regular transition probability matrix on the states 0 , $1, \ldots, \mathrm{~N}$. Then the limiting distribution $\pi=\left(\pi_{0}, \pi_{1}, \mathrm{~L}, \pi_{N}\right)$ is the unique nonnegative solution of Equation (8).

$$
\begin{align*}
& \pi_{j}=\sum_{i=0}^{N} \pi_{i} p_{i j} \text { for } \mathrm{j}=1, \ldots, \mathrm{~N}  \tag{8}\\
& \text { and } \sum_{i=0}^{N} \pi_{i}=1 \tag{9}
\end{align*}
$$

### 3.5.2 The Prediction Equation For Expected Staff Structures

Let $n(t)=\left(n_{1}(t), n_{2}(t), \cdots, n_{7}(t)\right)$ be the vector of cadre sizes at the beginning of the $t^{t h}$ session. It can be shown that
$n(t+1)=n(t) Q$
and

$$
\begin{equation*}
Q=P+w^{T} r \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

$P_{=\mathrm{nX}}$ n, overall transition probability matrix (TPM)
$\mathcal{W}=1 \mathrm{X} \mathrm{n}$, row vector of wastage probabilities
$r=1 \mathrm{X} \mathrm{n}$, row vector of average recruitment probabilities

### 3.6 Data Presentation

The manpower data of the Academic Staff of University is presented in table 1, where the university grade levels of staff are classified into Grade1 - Assistant Lecturer, Grade2 Lecturer II, Grade3 - Lecturer I, Grade4 - Senior Lecturer, Grade5 - Reader, Grade6 - Professor.

Where $q_{i j}=p_{i j}+w_{i} r_{j}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j}=1,2, \ldots, 7$ are elements of the matrix Q ,

Table 1: Distribution of Manpower Structure Of Academic Staff Of University

|  | AL |  |  | LII |  |  |  |  | LI |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SESSION | R(AL) | AL | W(AL) | R(LII) | LII | P(AL) | W(LII) | R(LI) | L(I) | P(LII) | W(LI) |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 6 / 2 0 0 7 ~}$ | 7 | 472 | 0 | 172 | 1182 | 49 | 0 | 92 | 1137 | 224 | 63 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 7 / 2 0 0 8}$ | 48 | 408 | 0 | 71 | 1044 | 64 | 20 | 76 | 1043 | 116 | 92 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 9 / 2 0 1 0}$ | 89 | 332 | 20 | 20 | 969 | 89 | 16 | 49 | 997 | 68 | 44 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 1 / 2 0 1 2}$ | 39 | 368 | 12 | 8 | 941 | 56 | 0 | 40 | 1002 | 49 | 68 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 3 / 2 0 1 4}$ | 104 | 288 | 0 | 24 | 885 | 68 | 0 | 37 | 926 | 56 | 44 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 4 / 2 0 1 5}$ | 44 | 304 | 16 | 16 | 914 | 89 | 12 | 16 | 885 | 44 | 32 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 5 / 2 0 1 6}$ | 101 | 285 | 2 | 44 | 869 | 49 | 8 | 8 | 813 | 49 | 16 |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 6 / 2 0 1 7}$ | 112 | 317 | 16 | 37 | 845 | 68 | 12 | 20 | 775 | 60 | 8 |


| SL |  |  |  | READER |  |  |  |  |  | PROF |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R(SL) | SL | P(LI) | W(SL) | R(RD) | RD | P(SL) | W(RD) | R(PROF) | PROF | P(RD) | W(PROF) |
| 0 | 412 | 135 | 37 | 0 | 268 | 49 | 49 | 0 | 180 | 24 | 60 |
| 40 | 329 | 89 | 49 | 27 | 180 | 83 | 56 | 0 | 209 | 89 | 12 |
| 16 | 276 | 52 | 20 | 12 | 236 | 61 | 24 | 32 | 168 | 24 | 27 |
| 8 | 261 | 44 | 12 | 0 | 244 | 32 | 4 | 0 | 172 | 20 | 12 |
| 27 | 209 | 76 | 20 | 8 | 192 | 44 | 8 | 8 | 153 | 49 | 8 |
| 32 | 192 | 83 | 24 | 19 | 164 | 27 | 12 | 12 | 145 | 27 | 4 |
| 16 | 233 | 44 | 20 | 0 | 135 | 20 | 8 | 8 | 159 | 44 | 1 |
| 27 | 168 | 37 | 8 | 8 | 124 | 37 | 12 | 12 | 212 | 24 | 13 |

Key: $\mathrm{Al}=$ Assistant lecturer, $\mathrm{LII}=$ Lecturer $2, \mathrm{LI}=$ lecturer $1, \mathrm{SL}=$ Senior Lecturer, $\mathrm{R}=$ Reader, $\mathrm{PROF}=$ Professor, $\mathrm{R}=$ Recruitment, $\mathrm{P}=\mathrm{Promoted}$ and $\mathrm{W}=$ Wastage.

## IV. DATA ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

### 4.1 Testing for Stationarity Analysis

The test for stationarity of the transition probabilities was performed to determine the transition probabilities of the manpower structure. The application of the Markov model
was applied to the manpower developments of the staff collected from 2006/07-2016/17 session for which $\mathrm{t}=0$, 1, 2, $3,4,5,6,7$. The hypothesis for testing for stationarity which was mentioned earlier in the previous section, have a test statistic for the manpower structure expressed in equation (7). The decision rule is to reject the null hypothesis at significant
level, if computed $\chi^{2}$ is greater than the critical value of $\chi^{2}$ or when the p -value is less than the critical value of $5 \%$.

Table 2: Summary result of Test of stationarity of Transition probabilities

| Cadre $\left(\boldsymbol{i}_{)}\right.$ | $\boldsymbol{\chi}_{\boldsymbol{i}}^{\mathbf{2}}$ | $\boldsymbol{d f}$ | $\boldsymbol{\chi}_{(\mathbf{O . 0 5}, \boldsymbol{d} \boldsymbol{f})}$ | p-value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0.0145 | 4 | 9.49 | 0.9999 |
| 2 | 0.0104 | 4 | 9.49 | 0.9999 |
| 3 | 0.0125 | 4 | 9.49 | 0.9999 |
| 4 | 0.0159 | 4 | 9.49 | 0.9999 |
| 5 | 0.0089 | 4 | 9.49 | 0.9999 |
| 6 | 0.0051 | 4 | 9.49 | 0.9999 |
| 7 | 0.0061 | 2 | 5.99 | 0.9999 |
| Total | 0.0734 | 26 | 62.93 | 1.0000 |

Recall that the Chi-square used as the test statistics for TPM is

$$
=\sum_{j(i)=1}^{8} \sum_{i=1}^{7} \sum_{t=1}^{7} n_{i}^{(\mathrm{t}} \frac{\left(p_{i j}(\mathrm{t})-p_{i j}\right)^{2}}{p_{i j}} \times \mathrm{G}=0.0734
$$

Since, the p-value $=1.00$ is greater than the $\boldsymbol{\alpha}=\mathbf{0 . 0 5}$, we accept the null hypothesis of stationarity of the grade transition.

### 4.2 Testing for Ergodicity of the Transition Probability Matrix

The probability matrix for the manpower structure was obtained as;
$\mathbf{P}=\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}0.8227 & 0.1578 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9124 & 0.0795 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.8910 & 0.6580 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.7930 & 0.1492 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.7650 & 0.1492 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.1495\end{array}\right)$
$\pi_{j u}=\left[\begin{array}{lllllll}0.2325 & 0.2614 & 0.2879 & 0.0477 & 0.0662 & 0.1042\end{array}\right]$
$\mathrm{p}_{11}{ }^{(1)=0.8227>0,} \mathrm{p}_{22}{ }^{(1)=0.9124>0,} \mathrm{p}_{33}{ }^{(1)=0.8910>0,} \mathrm{p}_{44^{(1)}=0.7930>0,} \mathrm{p}_{55}{ }^{(1)=0.7650>0,} \mathrm{p}_{66}{ }^{(1)=0.1495>0}$
$\mathbf{P}^{2}=\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}0.6768 & 0.0249 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.8325 & 0.0063 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7939 & 0.4330 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.6289 & 0.0223 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5853 & 0.0223 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.0224\end{array}\right)$
$\mathrm{p}_{11}{ }^{(2)=0.6768>0} \mathrm{p}_{22^{(2)}=0.8325>0} \mathrm{p}_{33^{(2)}=0.7939>0,} \mathrm{p}_{44^{(2)}=0.6289>0,} \mathrm{p}_{55^{(2)}=0.5853>0,} \mathrm{p}_{66^{(2)}=0.0224>0}$
$\mathrm{P}^{3}=\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}0.5568 & 0.004 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.7595 & 0.0005 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7073 & 0.2849 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.4987 & 0.0033 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.4477 & 0.0033 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.0033\end{array}\right)$
$\mathrm{p}_{11}{ }^{(3)=0.5568>0,} \mathrm{p}_{22}{ }^{(3)=0.7595>0,} \mathrm{p}_{33^{(3)}=0.7073>0,} \mathrm{p}_{44^{(3)}=0.4987>0,} \mathrm{p}_{55^{(3)}=0.4477>0,} \mathrm{p}_{66^{(2)}=0.0033>0}$ In this way we obtain

$$
P_{i i}(1 d)=>0 \text { ff for } \mathrm{d}=1,2,3,4 \ldots
$$

Where the greatest common denominator is $1 ; \mathrm{P}$ is said to be aperiodic and $\quad \pi_{j}>\mathbf{O}$, hence P is positive recurrent or strongly ergodic.

### 4.3 The Prediction Equation For Expected Staff Structures

The wastage (w) and recruitment (r) probabilities for the university institution are given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{W}=\left[\begin{array}{llllll}
0.0195 & 0.0081 & 0.0432 & 0.0724 & 0.0858 & 0.0893
\end{array}\right] \\
& \mathbf{r}=\left[\begin{array}{llllll}
0.3430 & 0.2472 & 0.2131 & 0.1047 & 0.0467 & 0.0454
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\mathbf{P}=\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}
0.8227 & 0.1578 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0.9124 & 0.0795 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0.8910 & 0.6580 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0.7930 & 0.1492 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.7650 & 0.1492 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.1495
\end{array}\right)
$$

So that $\mathrm{Q}=\mathrm{P}+\mathrm{W}^{\tau} \mathrm{r}$ is computed as

$$
\mathrm{Q}=\left(\begin{array}{llllll}
0.8294 & 0.1626 & 0.0042 & 0.0020 & 0.0009 & 0.0009 \\
0.0028 & 0.9144 & 0.0812 & 0.0008 & 0.0004 & 0.0004 \\
0.0148 & 0.0107 & 0.9002 & 0.6625 & 0.0020 & 0.0020 \\
0.0248 & 0.0179 & 0.0154 & 0.8006 & 0.1526 & 0.0033 \\
0.0294 & 0.0212 & 0.0183 & 0.0090 & 0.7690 & 0.1531 \\
0.0306 & 0.0221 & 0.0190 & 0.0093 & 0.0042 & 0.1536
\end{array}\right)
$$

Using Equation (10) and (11) the table of expected structure tagged table 3 was generated;

Table 3: Observed Expected manpower Structure for University $\underline{\boldsymbol{n}}(\boldsymbol{\ell})$ for $\mathrm{t}=0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7$

| SESSION | $\mathbf{t}$ | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{N ( t )}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $2006 / 07$ | 0 | 479 | 1354 | 1166 | 375 | 219 | 120 | 3713 |
| $2007 / 08$ | 1 | 438 | 1343 | 1193 | 1093 | 229 | 56 | 4352 |
| $2009 / 10$ | 2 | 415 | 1100 | 1027 | 942 | 167 | 57 | 3708 |
| $2011 / 12$ | 3 | 369 | 979 | 994 | 887 | 217 | 64 | 3510 |
| $2013 / 14$ | 4 | 363 | 956 | 967 | 856 | 227 | 65 | 3434 |
| $2014 / 15$ | 5 | 357 | 916 | 913 | 787 | 184 | 56 | 3213 |
| $2015 / 16$ | 6 | 305 | 913 | 867 | 740 | 165 | 53 | 3043 |
| $2016 / 17$ | 7 | 347 | 909 | 809 | 721 | 136 | 48 | 2970 |
| $2017 / 18$ | 8 | 371 | 882 | 790 | 676 | 124 | 54 | 2897 |
| $2018 / 19$ | 9 | 344 | 891 | 798 | 1068 | 201 | 32 | 3334 |
| $2019 / 20$ | 10 | 333 | 903 | 813 | 1387 | 320 | 41 | 3797 |
| $2020 / 21$ | 11 | 336 | 921 | 835 | 1654 | 460 | 62 | 4268 |

The result obtained in table 3 revealed that at the beginning of the 2020/21 session ( $\mathrm{t}=11$ ), we expect the staff structure to consist of 336 Assistant Lecturers, 921 Lecturers II, 835 Lecturers I, 1654 Senior Lecturers, 460 Readers and 62 Professors; if the current recruitment and promotion policies in the institutions remains unchanged.

## V. CONCLUSION

One importance of studying manpower structure of any organization is because of high unpredictable human behaviour and uncertain social environment in which the system functions. Also, both a short fall and surplus of skilled staff in any organization especially tertiary institutions can lead to serious staff capacity problem both in quantity and quality. Issues as costly as this can lead to malfunction of the organization in terms of productivity.
This study examined the expected academic staff structure of selected Universities in South East Nigeria. The transition probability of the University grade levels were found to be stationary over the observed period and positive recurrent or strongly ergodic. The result of the prediction equation model found that at the beginning of the 2020/21 session ( $\mathrm{t}=11$ ), it is expected that the staff structure of the University Institution will consist of 336 Assistant Lecturers, 921 Lecturers II, 835 Lecturers I, 1654 Senior Lecturers, 460 Readers and 62 Professors; if the current recruitment and promotion policies in the institutions remains unchanged.

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## Appendix

Table 4: Manpower Data for Selected Universities in South East Nigeria for $\mathrm{t}=0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7$

| t | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $N_{\mathrm{O} j}(t)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $n_{i}(t)$ |
| 1 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 472(0.1702) \\ & 408(0.1471) \\ & 332(0.1197) \\ & 368(0.1327) \\ & 288(0.1038) \\ & 304(0.1096) \\ & 285(0.1027) \\ & 317(0.1143) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 49(0.0921) \\ & 64(0.1203) \\ & 89(0.1673) \\ & 56(0.1053) \\ & 68(0.1278) \\ & 89(0.1673) \\ & 49(0.0921) \\ & 68(0.1278) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  | $0(0.0000)$ $0(0.0000)$ $20(0.3030)$ $12(0.1818)$ $0(0.0000)$ $16(0.2424)$ $2(0.0303)$ $16(0.2424)$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 521 \\ & 472 \\ & 441 \\ & 436 \\ & 356 \\ & 409 \\ & 336 \\ & 401 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 2774(0.8227) | 532(0.1578) |  |  |  |  | 66(0.0195) | 3372 |
| 2 |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1182(0.1545) \\ 1044(0.1365) \\ 969(0.1267) \\ 941(0.1230) \\ 885(0.1157) \\ 914(0.1195) \\ 869(0.1136) \\ 845(0.1105) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $224(0.3363)$ $116(0.1742)$ $68(0.1021)$ $49(0.0736)$ $56(0.0841)$ $44(0.0661)$ $49(0.0736)$ $60(0.0901)$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 0(0.0000) \\ 20(0.2941) \\ 16(0.2353) \\ 0(0.0000) \\ 0(0.0000) \\ 12(0.1765) \\ 8(0.1176) \\ 12(0.1765) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1406 \\ 1180 \\ 1053 \\ 990 \\ 941 \\ 970 \\ 926 \\ 917 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  | 7649(0.9124) | 666(0.0795) |  |  |  | 68(0.0081) | 8383 |
| 3 |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1137(0.1500) \\ 1043(0.1376) \\ 997(0.1316) \\ 1002(0.1322) \\ 926(0.1222) \\ 885(0.1168) \\ 813(0.1073) \\ 775(0.1023) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 135(0.2411) \\ 89(0.1589) \\ 52(0.0929) \\ 44(0.0786) \\ 76(0.1357) \\ 83(0.1482) \\ 44(0.0786) \\ 37(0.0661) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 63(0.1717) \\ 92(0.1589) \\ 44(0.0929) \\ 68(0.0786) \\ 44(0.1357) \\ 32(0.1482) \\ 16(0.0786) \\ 8(0.0661) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 1335 1224 1093 1114 1046 1000 873 820 |
|  |  |  | 7578(0.8910) | 560(0.0658) |  |  | 367(0.0432) | 8505 |
| 4 |  |  |  | $412(0.1981)$ $329(0.1582)$ $276(0.1327)$ $261(0.1255)$ $209(0.1005)$ $192(0.0923)$ $233(0.1120)$ $168(0.0808)$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 49(0.1388) \\ & 83(0.2351) \\ & 61(0.1728) \\ & 32(0.0907) \\ & 44(0.1246) \\ & 27(0.0765) \\ & 20(0.0567) \\ & 37(0.1048) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 37(0.1947) \\ 49(0.2579) \\ 20(0.0153) \\ 12(0.0632) \\ 20(0.0153) \\ 24(0.1263) \\ 20(0.0153) \\ 8(0.0421) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 498 \\ & 461 \\ & 357 \\ & 305 \\ & 273 \\ & 243 \\ & 273 \\ & 213 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 2080(0.7930) | 353(0.1346) |  | 190(0.0724) | 2623 |
| 5 |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 268(0.1737) \\ & 180(0.1167) \\ & 236(0.1529) \\ & 244(0.1581) \\ & 192(0.1244) \\ & 164(0.1063) \\ & 135(0.0875) \\ & 124(0.0804) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 24(0.0797) \\ & 89(0.2957) \\ & 24(0.0797) \\ & 20(0.0664) \\ & 49(0.1628) \\ & 27(0.0897) \\ & 44(0.1462) \\ & 24(0.0797) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 49(0.2832) \\ 56(0.3237) \\ 24(0.1387) \\ 4(0.0231) \\ 8(0.0462) \\ 12(0.0694) \\ 8(0.0462) \\ 12(0.0694) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 341 \\ & 325 \\ & 284 \\ & 268 \\ & 249 \\ & 203 \\ & 187 \\ & 160 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1543(0.7650) | 301(0.1492) | 173(0.0858) | 2017 |
| 6 |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 180(0.1288) \\ & 209(0.1495) \\ & 168(0.1202) \\ & 172(0.1230) \\ & 153(0.1094) \\ & 145(0.1037) \\ & 159(0.1137) \\ & 212(0.1516) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 60(0.4380) \\ 12(0.0876) \\ 27(0.1971) \\ 12(0.0876) \\ 8(0.0584) \\ 4(0.0292) \\ 1(0.0073) \\ 13(0.0949) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 240 \\ & 221 \\ & 195 \\ & 184 \\ & 161 \\ & 149 \\ & 160 \\ & 225 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 1398(0.9107) | 137(0.0893) | 1535 |

