

Requirements for the Accomplishment of Teachers of Ideological and Political Theory Course in Colleges and Universities in Practicing Fostering Morality and Cultivating Students

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Abstract: The ideological and political theory course is the key course to implement the fundamental task of fostering morality and cultivating students. The teachers of ideological and political theory course hold the historical task of shaping the soul, life, and people. The key to practicing the fundamental task of fostering morality and cultivating students in colleges and universities lies in teachers of ideological and political theory course. In the new period, teachers of ideological and political theory course in colleges and universities should possess political accomplishment, learning accomplishment, and moral accomplishment, so that they can take a firm political stance in ideological and political theory course teaching, be close to the requirements of students, develop good moral character by example, set an example for students, and guide students to establish correct outlook on life and values, thereby laying a solid talent foundation for the great cause of national rejuvenation.

1. Introduction

Since the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the Party Central Committee with Comrade Jinping XI as its core has highlighted the ideological and political theory course in schools. He emphasized that "To do a good job in the ideological and political work in colleges and universities, changes and strengthening come along with state affairs and teachers should master new things with the change of the new situation" at the National Conference on Ideological and Political Work in Colleges and Universities and required to "cultivate and organize a team of political cadres who can do a good job in ideological and political work" to push ideological and political theory course education to a new level at the National Conference on Education Work. At the symposium of teachers of ideological and political theory course held by Jinping XI in March this year, he emphasized: "The ideological and political theory course is the key course to implement the fundamental task of fostering morality and cultivating students. The role of the ideological and political theory course is irreplaceable, and the teachers of the ideological and political theory course have broader responsibilities". He emphasized that teachers of ideological and political theory course "should plant the seeds of truth, kindness and beauty in students' soul, and guide students to button the first button of their lives up".[1] Teachers of ideological and political theory course must strengthen theoretical learning, maintain patriotism, broaden teaching methods and models, and serve as the instructor and guide of students' healthy growth.

2. Necessity of Integration of Fostering Morality and Cultivating Students into Ideological and Political Education in Colleges and Universities

2.1 Fostering Morality and Cultivating Students is the Fundamental Task of Ideological and Political Education in Colleges and Universities

Fostering morality and cultivating students is the fundamental task of the socialist education with Chinese characteristics, the essence for running socialist universities with Chinese characteristics, and the essential requirement for training socialist builders and successors with all-round development of morality, intelligence, physique and aesthetics. At the National Conference on Ideological and Political Work in Colleges and Universities in December 2016, Jinping XI

emphasized that the essence for colleges and universities is to foster morality and cultivate students, required colleges and universities to wind ideological and political work through the whole process of education and teaching to achieve the whole course and comprehensive cultivation of students [2]. The report of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China pointed out that we must fully implement the party's educational policy and implement the fundamental task of fostering morality and cultivating students ... cultivate socialist builders and successors with all-round development of morality, intelligence, physique and aesthetics [3]. Implementing the idea of fostering morality and cultivating students is the fundamental task of ideological and political education in colleges and universities in the new period. The ideological and political theory course takes on a heavy responsibility of cultivating useful talents who support the leadership of the Communist Party of China and the socialist system and are determined to struggle for the socialism with Chinese characteristics for life. Colleges and universities must take fostering morality and cultivating students as the fundamental task, follow the law of students' growth, continuously improve the ideological level, political consciousness, moral character and cultural literacy of young students, thus laying a scientific thought foundation for the growth and development of the younger generation.

2.2 Fostering Morality and Cultivating Students is the Lifeline of Ideological and Political Education in Colleges and Universities

Ideological and political education in colleges and universities is to develop the quality-oriented education in terms of ideology and morality, codes of conduct, ideals and faiths for college students, to correct the political ideal and ethical pursuit of young people, and cultivate them to form correct world outlook, outlook on life and values. Jinping XI pointed out at the teacher-student symposium of Peking University that we must take the effect of fostering morality and cultivating students as the basic standard to test all the work of the school, so that students can forge the ideals and faiths, temper strong Party spirit, strengthen the aim consciousness and serve the people wholeheartedly and strictly put restriction on their own code of conduct and behavior. Ideological and political education is not the phased education, not even one aspect of education. It is the time dimension that runs through the whole life of persons and also the life-long education. The college stage is the crucial period for the formation of students' world outlook, outlook on life and values. In this period, we must cultivate the ideals and faiths and sense of social responsibility of college students, encourage college students to combine their personal beliefs with the future and destiny of the state, and establish long-term value goals of life. Ideological and political education is always inseparable from moral guidance and considerations of moral standards. The display of any talent must be based on good moral character. Ideological and political education is one kind of education that covers all qualities of human beings, including moral cultivation, value orientation, and sense of social responsibility. We must develop all-round development of college students.

3. The Key to Practicing Fostering Morality and Cultivating Students is the Teachers of Ideological and Political Theory Course

3.1 Political Accomplishment: Firm Rational Beliefs

Currently, different cultural and ideological viewpoints are blended with the rapid development of Internet and other new information dissemination channels. There are some wrong ideological trends that have caused the wrong understanding of socialism with Chinese characteristics by some college students, which requires the ideological and political theory course in colleges and universities to play an education guidance role. Teachers of ideological and political theory course must attach importance to political discipline and political rules, have strong political accomplishment, keep a cool head and take a firm stand on major issues of principle and adhere to the correct political direction and the ideals and faiths of socialism with Chinese characteristics. They must firmly oppose and correct such phenomena as weakening the guiding role of Marxism and propagating wrong ideological trends in the name of academics [4], be disseminators and

practitioners of the socialism core values, guide college students to improve their ideological and political consciousness, engender political identification on the socialist system and ideology in our country, and consciously love our party, country and socialism.

3.2 Learning Accomplishment: Teachers are those Who Teach Students Knowledge, Tell Students the Way to Live and Answer Students' Questions

The key to opening an ideological and political theory course in demand lies in teachers, and lies in giving play to the enthusiasm, initiative, and creativity of teachers. The ideological and political theory course is a key course to implement the fundamental task of fostering morality and cultivating students. Teachers of ideological and political theory course hold the historical task of shaping the soul and people. Therefore, teachers of ideological and political theory course in colleges and universities must not only have outstanding political accomplishment and solid theoretical knowledge of Marxism, but also have extensive interdisciplinary knowledge; They must not only pay attention not only to the theoretical frontier, but also focus on the development of social practice. Only in this way can the theory be connected with reality and the sense of times and attraction be enhanced. Teachers of ideological and political theory course with lifelong learning ability can not only continuously improve their own teaching research level, but also infect students with extensive knowledge, stimulate their learning desire, thereby guiding students to form good habits of lifelong learning.

3.3 Moral Accomplishment: Noble Professional Ethics

Teachers, as the guides and demonstrators of moral education and values, have an imperceptible impact on students' moral cognition and value judgment, and play a demonstration role in formation of students' good moral character. Different cultural and ideological viewpoints are blended at present, so teachers of ideological and political theory course in colleges and universities must develop good moral character by example and teach students through morality, consciously resist bad atmosphere in society, actively practice socialist core values, and help students form good moral sentiment. Jinping XI believes that teachers should become the example of students to behave, set an example, take the lead, earn the admiration of students with noble personality charm, set a good example for students with exemplary behaviors, and continuously sow the seeds of truth, kindness and beauty in the students' hearts.

4. Requirements for Teachers in Colleges and Universities and Colleges in Implementing Fostering Morality and Cultivating Students in the Ideological and Political Theory Course Teaching

4.1 Strong Politics: Take a Firm Political Stance and Distinguish the Political Direction

The ideological and political theory course of colleges and universities has distinct political attributes and reflects the essential requirements of socialist universities. The scientificity and ideology of ideological and political theory course of colleges and universities are highly unified and have clear ideology attributes. In classroom teaching, teachers should not only convey scientific theoretical thinking and spirit to students, but also convey Marxist belief systems to students and play a role of thought guidance and value orientation. To forge iron, you need a strong hammer. Educators must receive education first, so that those who have faith and belief can focus on faith and belief, bottom spirit and strength, and ideals and faiths can be conveyed, trusted and rooted. Firm ideals and faiths must be built on a deep understanding of Marxism and on a profound grasp of the historical law. Teachers of ideological and political theory course must have high political consciousness, establish political ideals, grasp political direction, take a firm political stance, improve political ability, maintain political stability, be good at seeing issues politically, stay fresh in front of major issues of principle, have a firm political stand, have a firm communism belief and a socialism belief with Chinese characteristics, and always remain political sharpness and discrimination.

4.2 New Thought: Apply Theories in Discourse Conversion and be Close to Students' Needs

Ideological and political education is the creative work that enlightens thoughts, expands horizons, develops the mind, and shapes the soul. Facing the complex and changeable educational environment and the development pattern of media convergence in the new era, the ideological and political theory course must be subject to change, advancing and innovation with time to keep pace with the development of the times. The teaching ideas, teaching environment created and ideological teaching methods adopted by teachers of ideological and political theory course will directly affect the actual teaching effect. The primary purpose of ideological and political theory course teaching is to cultivate students, care for, respect, and guide students putting people first. Nowadays college students maintain higher attention and sensitivity to Internet and other new media. The single teaching model can no longer catch students' attention due to the impact of diversified network information and convenient ways to access the Internet. Therefore, teachers should endow ideological and political theory course education with new contents, strive to transform the teaching discourse, talk about politics with academic discourse, talk about theories with living discourse, understand the topics that students are concerned about, and learn "hot spots". Teachers should combine Internet moral education with traditional moral education, unify it to the education of socialist core values and incorporate it into the education scope of fostering morality and cultivating students of ideological and political theory course in colleges and universities. Teachers should bring students' favorite networks into the classroom in teaching, build a comprehensive teaching platform, understand news, collect data, conduct a discussion, and mobilize students' learning interest. It not only helps to expand the scope of knowledge of students, but also helps to improve the students' discrimination of the multiple values represented by the Internet. Teachers should implement the education of fostering morality and cultivating students, and constantly enhance the ideological level, theory, and affinity and pertinence of ideological and political theory course.

4.3 Strict Self-discipline: Advance on the Basis of Merit and Set an Example for Students

Ideological and political work is to educate people and shape the human soul. Teachers should first shape and cultivate themselves through strict self-discipline, set an example with high knowledge and moral integrity and play a role in guiding, inspiring and influencing students with noble characters, deep cultural accomplishment, and realm of a unification of truth, kindness and beauty. Teachers of ideological and political theory course must caution and improve themselves with strict self-discipline consciousness and maintain the consistency in the class and after class and online and offline and the consistency of what they say and do. The ideological and political theory course must shoulder the mission of fostering the spirit. Teachers must have an upright personality, faith and feelings, focus on taste, style, and responsibility, establish long-sighted ideals and faiths, good moral characters, lofty moral sentiments, advance on the basis of merit, set a personality example for students and infect and influence students' character growth with their own personality charm. With the demonstration, inspiration and guidance of noble personalities, the ideals and faiths carried by it will be slowly embedded into the hearts of students with the wind, and the seeds of truth, goodness and beauty will be planted in their hearts. It is well known that education is the basic approach to achieve all-round development of human beings [5]. The ideological and political theory course should capture students' minds with the truth, inspire students with personality charm of teachers and motivate students to consciously integrate their personal ideals into the cause of the state and the nation and put their great aspirations into practical action, to become new people of the times taking on national rejuvenation and to achieve their own all-round development.

5. Conclusion

To sum up, "the teacher is a model of virtue for others". Teachers of ideological and political theory course are preachers of socialism with Chinese characteristics in the new era, who have broader responsibilities and glorious mission. Teachers of ideological and political theory course

should take root in China, arm themselves with the heroic spirit of the new era, take a firm political stance, insist on innovation through classroom education [6], foster morality and cultivate students through ideological and political theory course, and guide students to establish correct world outlook, outlook on life and values, foster the spirit and cultivate students based on socialist ideas with Chinese characteristics of Jinping XI in the new era, thereby laying a solid talent foundation for the great cause of national rejuvenation.

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