

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

College is an institution of higher education as an advanced level in formal education including diploma education programs, bachelor, master, specialist, and doctoral degree. According to Soni, et al (2015, p.197) College has enough biggest than school for increasing the quality of human resources in a country. Therefore students who have taken an education is great hope for Indonesia. College is a place for students to take many knowledges. Prophet Muhammad saw said :

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ: مَنْ سَلَكَ

طَرِيقًا يَلْتَمِسُ فِيهِ عِلْمًا سَهَّلَ اللَّهُ بِهِ طَرِيقًا إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ.

Based on the hadist above, Prophet Muhammad said people who have traveled for taking knowledge or science, Allah will give the easy way to paradise, for who struggle for learning. . In Islam religion all of people have to learn any knowledge or science wherever or whenever. Because who learn any knowledge that will be easy for long life and in hereafter. In Indonesia to take knowledge or science can be taking in formal or nonformal education, the most highest of formal education is college,

because of that government requires for Indonesia students to take knowledge as high as possible.

People who are studying at college called students of university. Nugraha (2018, p.23) stated that college students are considered to have a high level of intellectuality, precision in thinking, and planning in acting. Thinking critically and act quickly with assumptions that are inherent in the soul of the students. Students are members of the community who are elite level because of their advantages, functions, roles and responsibilities. Students are also candidates for intellectuals or young scholars in a society with various titles in society itself. Throughout the trip on college, students will meet the final phase, that is writing thesis. But before writing thesis, the students have to make thesis proposal.

In English Department there are two subjects that students have taken. Both are Research in ELT and Seminar (Linguistics/Language/Teaching). Research in ELT is a subject that learn how English Education Department students be able to desain a research include linguistics,language or teaching. The subject of research in ELT taught in the fifth semester. In the end of the lesson, students are able to make objective of research, steps of research, research method, and to write thesis proposal and thesis report clearly. For seminar subject, students have studied about methods, steps to make thesis proposal, writing techniques, good presentation when presenting thesis proposal, and how to answer many questions from participant or advisors. In the end of the lesson English

Education Department students have prepared for doing thesis seminar better. Seminar subject taught in the sixth semesters. Therefore, Students have to pass two subjects before making the real thesis proposal and thesis proposal seminar.

In making thesis proposal, students have to understand about literature, method, and theory. Therefore, the students have to read many literature and try to write as much as possible. Practice for making thesis proposal is since first semester which will be making you easy to write said Nugraha (2018, p.112). After completing thesis proposal, the students will take the next step is thesis proposal seminar.

Thesis proposal seminar is important presentation contained in thesis proposal. According to Shirley (2016, p.1) thesis proposal seminar is presenting research topic, theoretical framework, and chosen methodology. Seminar will develop in the context of outline thesis proposal and give information about the research. In thesis proposal seminar, participants may to ask some question which do not understand yet about the proposal. Also that is the time for given comment and suggestion for presenter by adviser.

According to Aziz (2014, p.3) any errors speaking students when presenting thesis proposal seminar, one of them is pronunciation. For presenting thesis proposal successful, students have to pass many challenges in the field. Students have to know what the challenges are, and what the lack in presentation is.

Thesis proposal seminar is also useful for input into thesis writing. Either in terms of writing, ideas, until the research method used. So that when there are ambiguous things from a thesis proposal, the examiner will usually give suggestions for improvements to the thesis proposal in order to get a good quality thesis. In addition, the proposal seminar is also useful to determine the mental readiness of students in writing a thesis. With the proposal seminar, the examiners will be better able to see the readiness of students to face the thesis and the title they have prepared. In order to avoid writing failure later on. On the other hand, proposal seminars will also hone and train student public speaking in defending the theories that have studied in making thesis.

In English Department, undergraduate students have to prepare for good presentation when seminar. But not all of students is successful when presenting their proposal, such as nervous or forget about the outline of proposal. Not only nervous or forget but also students do not understand yet about the research, and students can not explain as good as possible to participants. The researcher got the result from observation and experiences, which are English Education Department students still have any challenges for taking thesis seminar proposal for good presentation, then students still need any solution for facing the challenges. Students need to know what the problem of thesis proposal seminar at English Education Department.

Therefore, researcher has interested in examining what are the challenges of English Department students face thesis proposal seminar.

Likewise, what are the obstacles of English Department students in preparing thesis proposal seminar and the implementation. Because there are still many students who are late doing thesis proposal seminar.

Based on previous studies, the first from Jalal (2014) about Error Made by Presenters of Thesis Proposal Seminar in English Study Program. That research explore about what students challenges or problem are when presenting, the result of the research are still many error students when presenting thesis proposal seminar especially in pronunciation. Then the second from Mia (2018) about EFL Students' Anxiety in Research Proposal Seminar. That research explore about students' anxiety when research proposal seminar for EFL students. There are many factors which include to students' anxiety, they are general avoidance such as forgetfulness, avoidance of English, inability answer the question. Then physical actions such as nervous, fidgeting, and stammering. Next cultural depended signs such as avoiding interaction, conversation withdrawal, and lack of eye contact.

In English Education Department students still have many challenges when presenting thesis proposal seminar, such as lack of public speaking in English language, error pronunciation, anxiety of foreign language, and nervous when presentation. Those challenges which is English Education students, especially for English research. Every challenges have the solution, no one problem or challenges that ca not finished.

In Holy Qur'an Asy-Syu'ara 62 reveals :

قَالَ كَلَّا إِنَّ مَعِيَ رَبِّي سَيَهْدِينِ

Based on the verse above, Allah will help everyone, and always there are solution for anyproblem. Do not be afraid for challenges or problem, because those just an examination for patient person. After hungry is full, there is sick and heal, there is dark and bright. Allah is kind give cause and effect and always benefit for human. Never feel be broken, because every situation mush be change. As good as worship is waiting for easypatiently. Allah is the wise might create something new, but actually after difficulties will be easy.

The researcher look for any solution for the challenges include practicing, high motivation, improve vocabulary, and learn how good presentation for seminar. All of the solution from experts, respondents, and researcher that will be the reference for making thesis proposal seminar be better. Because any challenges have to get any solution for making this research benefit for everyone. Especially for English thesis proposal seminar which is different with other major. English thesis seminar proposal have own strategies for making success seminar, not only for writing guide but also seminar guide. In English Education Department have own guide for students, so that students be easy for getting an example research or own rule of English Education Department.

In focus to carry out this research, researcher only conduct tests in English Education Department students who were conducting and preparing thesis proposal seminar. So the limitation in this study are only on the challenges and solution faced by undergraduate students when presenting in thesis proposal seminar.

B. Research Question

Based on the background of study above, that will be discuss about challenges and solution of English Department student when presenting thesis proposal seminar. Furthermore, the researcher formulates the problem as follow :

1. What are the challenges of English Department students when presenting thesis proposal seminar ?
2. What are English Department students solutions for making a good presentation in thesis proposal seminar ?

C. Objectives of Study

Based on the explanation above, it can be concluded that the purpose of this study as follows :

1. To find out english department student's challenge when presenting thesis proposal seminar.
2. To find out english department students' solutions for making a good presentation in thesis proposal seminar.

D. Significance of Study

Theoretically, researcher is expected that the result or the benefit of this research could provide convenience that related in students' challenges for presenting thesis proposal seminar.

Practically, there are some benefits to some parties as follow:

1. For English Department students, the result of this research is expected can give them convenience for preparing thesis proposal seminar and success proposal seminar.
2. For other researchers, this research is expected to serve reference to guide them to conduct a further research which is related to students' challenges.
3. For lecturers, it is expected that the output of this research can give information about students' challenges and help students for making thesis proposal seminar be a good presentation.
4. For English Education Department, this research is benefit for giving information for improving public speaking of seminar in English Department Students. Then students be aware for making thesis proposal seminar as good as possible.

E. Definition of Key Term

1. English Education Department Student

English Education Department students who are majoring in the field of English Language. Who have taken Research in ELT and Seminar subject.

2. Thesis Proposal Seminar

The research that will be carried out by students must be conceptually planned along with the Supervisor. The first step for preparing thesis.

3. Challenge

Challenge is effort that aim to arouse ability. English Education students' challenges for facing thesis proposal seminar.

4. Solution

Solution is a way for getting outlet from problem. English Education Department Students will get a solution for facing the problem or challenge.