

Current Situation and Countermeasures of “Three-Review System” of Local College Academic Journals

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Abstract: The “Three-review System” is an effective guarantee system for the quality of Chinese publications. The “Three-review System” has been implemented since the 1950s, and the three-level review system formed by the responsible editor’s preliminary review, the director of the editorial office’s re-review, and the chief editor’s final review ,it is the internal review system of publishing houses stipulated by the state and implemented for a long time. Based on the analysis of the function of the “Three-review System”, this paper analyzes the current situation of the “Three-review System” of local college academic journals , points out the problems existing in the “Three-review System” of local college academic journals , and puts forward the corresponding countermeasures to solve the problems.

Keywords: Local colleges; Academic journals; Three-review System; Current situation; Countermeasures

1. Introduction

The “Three-review System” is not only a review method, but also a system. The purpose of establishing the “ Three-review System” is to further improve the flaws or mistakes existing in the process of reviewing and revising manuscripts by responsible editors, and then form a three-dimensional editing mode that is interlinked and progressive layer by layer. As the filter of academic works and the compass of academic publishing, the “Three-review System” occupies an important position in the local college academic journals. The review work refers to the activity of reviewing and evaluating papers, making decisions, and putting forward revision requirements and suggestions for manuscripts that need to be revised. It is also the review of the academic value, publication value and social benefits of papers. This article will start with the function of the “Three-review System” of local college academic journals, and explain the problems existing in the “Three-review System” of local college academic journals, from three aspects: the first review of the responsible editor, the review of the director of the editorial office and the final review of the chief editor. It put forward the corresponding countermeasures and suggestions.

2. The role of the “Three-review System” of local college academic journals

2.1 The third trial is linked together to enhance the influence of journals

In the three links of preliminary review, review and final review, editors of local college academic journals should make accuracy judgments on papers. It according to their accumulated academic experience and academic level in the field, while editors’ judgments on some papers may have personal subjective tendencies due to limitations of personal knowledge and other abilities ^[1]. Therefore, if journal editors make mistakes in evaluating papers for their own reasons, the papers in question will be published in academic journals, which will not only affect the quality of journals, but also have a great impact on the development and reputation of journals. Of course, sometimes it is inevitable that there will be a phenomenon of missing beads. The implementation of the “Three-review System” can not only conduct a more objective and comprehensive review and selection of papers, complement and improve each other, and correct the “bias”, but also further improve the quality of papers in the process of repeated review, thus promoting the overall quality and influence of academic journals.

2.2 Eliminate low-quality papers and guarantee the quality of journals

Local college academic journals usually receive some “relationship papers” of limited quality, but the “Three-review System”

can eliminate the so-called “relationship papers” in time through layers of screening and identification. The three links of the “Three-review System” of local college academic journals balance and restrict each other from beginning to end, and the reviewers of each link do not want inferior papers to appear in the links they are responsible for. The most important thing is to ensure that the published papers must meet the requirements of academic journals, and publish papers with a high academic level as far as possible. It can be seen that the “Three-review System” is a very effective way of checking and balancing, which can effectively guarantee the quality of journals [2]. During the process of handling papers, local college academic journal editors can reflect on the initial draft work they are responsible for based on the revision suggestions from the review and final review. They can re-examine the paper from a higher level and broader perspective, and engage in deeper “secondary editing” or even “tertiary editing”. At the same time, journal editors serve as a bridge of communication, exchanging academic insights with authors and peer reviewers. This not only helps editors to further understand papers and produce high-quality ones, but also promotes the growth of journal editors.

3. Problems existing in the “Three-review System” of local college academic journals

Review is a rational activity that makes scientific analysis and judgment on papers from the perspective of publishing profession. Reviewing papers is the central part of editing work. However, there are still some problems in the “Three-review System” of local college academic journals.

Firstly, the division of labor is unreasonable and the allocation of power is unbalanced. The number of preliminary and final reviewers is less, and the workload of review is larger. In many local college academic journals, there is a phenomenon of intermediate fault in the editorial department, there is no complete review process, it is difficult to perform the review procedure according to the requirements, and it is often sent directly to the editor-in-chief after external review, and the final review of the opinions of external review experts is mostly a formality and hasty finalization. The fundamental reason why the “Three-review System” can not be really implemented is that the editorial staff of academic journals are insufficient and the organizational structure is not perfect. Due to unreasonable division of labor, imbalanced power allocation, and inadequate organizational structure, the editorial division of labor is unreasonable. In the context of the new media era, hot topics are constantly changing and information is being updated rapidly. Journal publishing units are facing pressure on the timeliness of their papers. Some editors, in order to compete for time and catch up with hot topics, tend to be hasty during the “three reviews” of their manuscripts, resulting in a situation where they relax their requirements for the quality of their papers while seeking novelty and diversity. They pursue the review progress during the review process, thereby affecting the quality of the “three reviews”.

Secondly, different types of papers make it difficult to implement the “Three-review System”. The source of papers for local college academic journals is relatively complex, and the papers usually involve a wide range of disciplines. Academic papers from different disciplines and fields are involved, and there are also academic papers that involve interdisciplinary knowledge. The submitted papers are relatively rich. But the editorial department of local college academic journals often has limited personnel, which makes it difficult to achieve a multidisciplinary approach, so it is inevitable that there will be deviations, thus affecting the academic quality of journals.

Thirdly, the task of responsible editing is heavy, and there is a lack of communication and exchange in each link. The problems faced by responsible editors of local college academic journals, such as a large number of papers, reports, and process affairs, result in a lack of reasonable time to deal with the series of problems in each link, making it difficult to conduct in-depth analysis and effective communication on papers. This not only delays the review time, but also increases management costs, and even directly affects the subsequent review work. It can be seen that if there is a lack of communication and exchange in various stages, it will inevitably lead to low publishing efficiency and poor journal quality.

4. Research on the countermeasures of “Three-review System” of local college academic journals

In view of some problems existing in the “Three-review System” of local college academic journals, local colleges should focus on strengthening the top-level design, building a long-term mechanism, and strengthening industry self-discipline and supervision, strictly check the three aspects of preliminary review, re-review and final review, and always give priority to the quality of paper content, and implement the “Three-review System” of academic journals.

4.1 Preliminary review

The preliminary review is the primary link of the “Three-review System” of academic journals, and the responsible editing system of academic journals must be strengthened. In the process of preliminary review, firstly, the responsible editors of academic journals should carefully read the whole paper word by word, and strictly check the academic or paper value, science, knowledge, structural

framework, political tendency, ideological grade, writing level and other aspects of the paper. Secondly, they should make reasonable evaluation of the quality, social and economic benefits of the paper, and put forward constructive suggestions for revision. In addition, the preliminary review of the responsible editor should focus on the academic level of the paper, through reading the full text, timely adjust the structure of the paper level, make the paper logical, and finally select more high-quality papers in the preliminary review.

4.2 Re-review

The re-review process of academic journals needs to carefully read papers, and make comments on the preliminary review report and paper quality. Firstly, make a detailed record of the review sheet returned each time. Because the responsible editor can judge the reviewer's attitude towards the reviewer from the returned review sheet, those who are not responsible can be avoided, and more support should be given to the serious and responsible reviewers. Secondly, it is to properly adjust the review list and formulate detailed evaluation standards. The review list should adopt quantitative indicators as far as possible, and the evaluation indicators should be as complete, scientific, specific and reasonable as possible, with strong operability, so as to facilitate the reviewers to make scientific evaluation of the paper. Thirdly, it is necessary to avoid situations where there are too many reviewers from one school, and to strengthen the construction of external reviewer teams. Especially for on campus papers, the author and reviewer of the paper should be personnel from different schools. Therefore, after the approval of the paper, the responsible editor should hire external experts to review the paper according to the research direction of the paper, effectively eliminate the "relationship papers" situation, and always adhere to the fairness and fairness of the review.

4.3 Final review

The final review is the last key link of the "Three-review System" of academic journals. With reference to the opinions of the preliminary trial and re-review, the final expert is mainly responsible for reading the ideological and political trend of the paper, social effect, whether it conforms to the policies and regulations, and make an evaluation of it. After the final review, the journal editorial board team can jointly finalize the draft, because the members of the journal editorial board are usually composed of well-known experts from the college, domestic and even international, with a large number of people, a wide range of research fields and a high level of research. Through the collective finalization of the editorial board, it can not only avoid the problems of personal bias and negligence, but also prevent the bad wind between the editor and the author, and even avoid the problems of "relationship papers", and ultimately ensure the smooth passage of papers with academic innovation value, so that the quality and influence of academic journals can be further improved.

5. Conclusions

Reviewing papers is an important link to ensure the quality of local college academic journals. The implementation of the "Three-review System" in academic journals, on the one hand, it can ensure the publication of high-quality papers, but also can prevent the publication of inferior papers; On the other hand, in the process of preliminary review, re-review and final review, the reviewer's comments can improve the author's academic level, and every revision of the author's paper is a kind of progress, and the quality of the paper is also effectively guaranteed. Therefore, local colleges should pay attention to the series of problems existing in the review process of their academic journals. It can promote the healthy development of academic journals. At the same time, as journal reviewers, they should do a good job in reviewing papers seriously, reasonably and efficiently, so as to further improve the quality and influence of local college academic journals.

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