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IMPROVING THE METHODOLOGY OF BALANCED SCORECARD SYSTEM: A LITERATURE REVIEW

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INTRODUCTION

Balanced scorecard is a management technique that divides the enterprise's vision and strategy into customer, financial, internal processes, learning, and growth perspectives. It is used for strategy implementation, adaption, and alignment. (Kaplan and Norton, 2004; Papalexandris et al., 2004; Kaplan et al., 2010). In order to provide an efficient management system that is results-oriented, BSC combines a logical collection of financial and non-financial indicators and explains the interdependencies between its components using cause-and-effect linkages and strategic maps. (Bento et al., 2014; Korontai et al., 2016). According to Ayvaz and Pehlivanlt (2011), BSC is a potent technique for strategy formulation, development, and transformation that has produced success for both large and small businesses (SMEs) (Rodrigues et al., 2014). According to Martello et al. (2008), Aidemark (2010), Lin et al. (2014), Gao and Gurd (2015), and other authors, BSC has been successfully implemented in hospitals, healthcare systems, and nonprofit organizations. These authors explain that BSC offers an appropriate control system that enhances both organizational and individual performance.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Applications of BSC are mostly directed toward for-profit companies. A few BSC studies, like as Drtina, Gilbert, and Alon's (2007), focus exclusively on applications within business schools. They recommended, among other things, combining metrics with precisely defined strategies as a first step. Papenhausen and Einstein (2006) demonstrated how the BSC approach might be applied at a business college using the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth's BSC, which was based on a survey. In order to effectively apply the BSC to a particular master's program in business, entrepreneurship, and technology. A Balanced Scorecard is a tool that can be used in educational institutions to emphasize managing performance instead of just monitoring it. According to Suhr (2000), the University of Southern California's Rossier School of Education used the Balanced Scorecard method to evaluate its academic program and planning procedure. According to Chang and Chow (1999), 69 accounting department heads who participated in a study expressed support for the application and advantages of the Balanced Scorecard for accounting programs (Karathanos and Karathanos, 2005).

However, in order to provide an efficient and equitable strategic decision support process, BSC can be utilized in conjunction with decision-making procedures, cognitive mapping and related approaches, and bonus systems (Ayvaz and Pehlivanlt, 2011; Gao and Gurd, 2015; Pessoa, 2015). As a result, the BSC's implementation and operation are







well known, and numerous authors (Coe and Letza, 2014; Kaplan and Norton, 2004; Machado, 2013; Rodrigues et al., 2014) are particularly interested in its academic concepts, evolution, scope, and usefulness. This interest has even led to the development of fourth generation BSC systems, which modify and adapt the fundamental BSC to the needs of modern organizations. The initial breakdown of the strategy from four viewpoints makes BSC easy to grasp. This allows the strategy to be translated into operational terms, even to the extent of transforming strategies into tasks and obligations for the entire company's staff (Kaplan and Norton, 2004).

Other writers have applied a BSC model to a large software development company in Greece (Papalexandris et al., 2004); at Venezuelan companies (Ortiz and Cortez, 2013; Millan et al., 2015); at a micro-enterprise (Pessoa, 2015); and at a business incubator (Korontai et al., 2016). These studies support the notion that BSC has been widely accepted and successfully implemented in public and private organizations (Mendes et al., 2012), as well as in companies of various sizes, including SMEs (Machado, 2013). They also corroborate that BSC is applicable to businesses of any kind, including those situated in developing countries.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Overall, the conclusion is that, when completely implemented, the BSC can improve an organization's performance. It helps companies to make sense of their goals and plans and put them into practice. It offers input on external outcomes as well as internal company processes in order to (continuously) enhance strategic performance and outcomes. When used to its greatest potential, the BSC turns strategy planning from a scholarly endeavor into the hub of an organization. (Kaplan and Norton, 2004). However, studies on the BSC's diffusion show that, despite its apparent benefits, its adoption rate is lower than that of other administrative techniques like ABC. (Yazdifar and Askarany, 2009). Therefore, it's unknown if the BSC suffered from any flaws that would have slowed down its acceptance in the rapidly evolving 21st-century world. Over the past ten years, Yazdifar and Askarany have conducted surveys with more than a thousand practitioners in various studies conducted in Australia, New Zealand, and the UK to gain further insight into the challenges associated with the adoption and application of BSC in practice. In these studies, they have looked into the effects of several contextual factors on the adoption of the BSC, including adopter characteristics, BSC properties, and societal characteristics. They have also looked into practitioners' opinions regarding the BSC's drawbacks. The adoption of the BSC in practice is influenced by a variety of contextual factors, as we have found, but the main flaws in the BSC are that it ignores risks, environmental, and sustainability factors, as well as the rights and concerns of other relevant stakeholders besides customers. These flaws could potentially undermine the BSC's diffusion in practice. It is advised that more research be done to determine how we might create a comprehensive BSC that addresses



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the shortcomings of the four traditional viewpoints of the BSC by adding new parameters including sustainability, risk, and environmental considerations.

CONCLUSION

As a balanced scorecard is simple to comprehend and apply to evaluate the effectiveness of company plans, its design and implementation are suitable for small and medium-sized businesses. Through views, objectives, and KPIs, the proposed BSC aligns business processes with the business strategy and incorporates a continuous improvement process that engages all of the company's employees. This effectively converts the strategy into tactic and operational terms. Similar to this, the suggested BSC was developed with SMEs in mind due to the utilization of straightforward and efficient aggregation techniques like the hierarchical weighting process, the creation of synthetic indicators for the BSC's hierarchy levels (objectives, perspectives, and business strategy), and the development of action plans to guarantee the accomplishment of operational, tactical, and strategic objectives.

As a result, the BSC's development and implementation support SMEs in achieving business success by utilizing a strategic performance assessment system that has proven effective for larger organizations and in raising the standard of strategic management. Consequently, SMEs may find tremendous use for performance assessment systems such as the BSC if these systems are tailored to their needs and incorporate both objectivity and subjectivity in the process of normalizing and aggregating indicators and allocating weights.

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