

Ube Frontier University (宇部フロンティア大学)

Evaluation summary

“Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

The Ube Frontier University defines its mission and objectives clearly based on the spirit of foundation “to emphasize cultivation of humanity and practical sciences” and specifies “local contribution to return performance of education and research to local society” as one of its missions based on the background of the University foundation. The spirit of foundation and its mission and objectives are specified in website and in handouts such as its admission guidance, programs of the entrance or graduation ceremonies, and letters to guardians. The President also explains them to new teachers to gain their understanding. The educational objectives are defined specifically in three policies (diploma policy, curriculum policy, and admission policy).

“Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

Although there is an issue in fulfillment of enrollment limit in the department of human sociology, the University clearly defines its curriculum policy for the division of welfare psychology in the department of human sociology, the division of nursing in the department of human healthcare, and the research course of human science in the graduate school based on its educational objective. It also supports learning and carrier of students in cooperation with teachers. It offers classes including active learning to attain its educational objective according to the curriculum policy. There is a professional psychological counselor who can give consultation accordingly and a professional certified nurse in a healthcare room. A number of full-time teachers meet the criterion, and recruitment and promotion of teachers are maintained in the code and properly managed. Its educational facilities were built considering quake-resistance and barrier-free.

“Standard 3. Management, Admission and Finance”

The code of donative activities defines the Board of Directors as a decision-making body and the Board of Trustees as a consultative body and management of the corporate business is properly conducted based on the code. Two auditors adjust the schedule each other so that one of them always attends the Board of Directors and trustees. The “Code of System of Duties in the incorporated school, Kagawa Gakuen” defines official responsibilities of system of duties in the University and staff necessary for its execution is positioned in each department. Imputed balances have been excess revenue since 2014 and is improving. The accounting procedures are properly performed based on the accounting standards for incorporated schools and the “Accounting Code of the incorporated school, Kagawa Gakuen.”

“Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation”

The University set up the Self-Inspection and Evaluation Committee based on its code since the first annual year after foundation and works on Self-Inspection and Evaluation

periodically to announce the result. An external evaluation committee also reviewed the Self-Inspection and Evaluation reports in some annual years. The Education Development Room was also set up to collect information about student's activities related to education and unify the management, as well as plays an active role in supporting university operation and educational reform by analyzing various information and operating it effectively. The results of Self-Inspection and Evaluation are reported to the board of trustees and known to faculty through the faculty council. In addition, middle-term goal and planning were formulated to implement activity plan of each year and build a system to improve the next year's plan by the result.

In general, education of the University is properly conducted based on the spirit of foundation following laws and regulations. Management is also properly conducted and the finance shows a trend to improve. It is expected to utilize Self-Inspection and Evaluation performed since the first year after foundation in order to secure students, stabilize financial ground, throw up competent human resources and contribute development of local society.

Please see a general comment of the standard for "Standard A. Cooperation with Society" defined as a unique framework of the University based on its mission and goal.