

CHIKUSHI JOGAKUEN UNIVERSITY (筑紫女学園大学)

Evaluation summary

“Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

The spirit of foundation is defined as “human education based on Dharma teachings of Buddha clarified by Shinran Shonin or teachings of Jodo Shinshu” and the mission of the CHIKUSHI JOGAKUEN UNIVERSITY is defined as “awakening students to boundless life and creating new era by fostering human who accomplish self-realization in society”. Both the spirit of foundation and the mission are expressed in a concise manner and specified in university guidance, a handbook for students and on the website.

The mission, objectives, and educational objective of the University are reflected in three policies (diploma policy, curriculum policy, and admission policy). The University also states its unique “policy to support comprehensive education and learning” (hereinafter called “support policy (SP)”) which is one of the features and characteristics of the University in addition to “spirit of Buddhist” which leads to the spirit of foundation.

The middle-term plan of the corporate business, “Chikujo Plan 2017” (hereinafter called “Chikujo Plan”), sets target goal of the University based on its mission and objectives and the University is working on to achieve the goal.

“Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

Admission policy is specified in each division and major. Although some divisions do not fulfill its acceptance limit, the University tries to increase rate of filled acceptance limit by working on to connect high schools and the University and employing various entrance examination forms. We want to expect its future achievement.

Curriculum policy was set based on the educational objective and diploma policy and the educational curriculum is systematically organized. The University also set up centers and organizations centering on “learning support,” “campus life support,” and “carrier support,” hold “Whole University Conference” in which discusses Faculty Development (FD) activities, various questionnaires, surveys and requests from students with the University to improve education and student services, and organized consultation and advising systems for students in cooperation with teachers. As such, the University converted the “support policy (SP)” into tangible forms as an approach within and outside the curriculum.

The University also positions teachers based on the standards for establishment and maintains its educational environment properly including compound and buildings of the University.

“Standard 3. Management, Admission and Finance”

The University shows the code of conduct to its faculty and staff and ensures thorough compliance based on the spirit of foundation. The Board of Directors, which is the decision-making body of the cooperate business, has the Board of Executive Directors to

make prompt decisions and a system to delegate its authorities to some extent. The University also organized a system to support the leadership of the President and aims to facilitate decision-making between the corporate business and the University or between the University and each section by human exchange in various conferences held regularly. Its financial ground is stable due to its operation based on the “Chikujo Plan” and middle-term financial plan.

However, the management and operation cannot be said to be appropriate in terms of the time of holding of a meeting of the Board of Trustees defined in the Private School Act and the code of donative activities, selection of directors and trustees, recruitment of trustees, and selection of successor of the President in the corporate business and adjustment in response to the revision of the School Education Act and its enforcement regulations in the University. In addition, auditors do not exert its function nor execute duties.

“Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation”

The University states the voluntary Self-Inspection and Evaluation in its school code and defines the “Internal Regulations of Self-Inspection Operation Committee of CHIKUSHI JOGAKUEN UNIVERSITY.” In this system, the “Self-inspection Operation Committee” determines a whole-university theme of Self-Inspection and Evaluation and “Self-inspection Promoting Committee” plays a role in actual examination.

The University conducts Self-Inspection and Evaluation objectively based on “Chikujo Data” which summarizes information of each department of the executive office or other data.

In its booklet “Basic Philosophy and Educational Objective: Establishment of Management Cycle in Teaching” (hereinafter called “Basic Philosophy and Educational Objective (booklet)”), the University specifies its basic philosophy and mission as well as goals of its departments, research courses, and departments of the executive office. The approaches are published and reviewed in the presentation “Philosophy and Goal” held every year. The University also evaluates and examines achievement status of the “Chikujo Plan” and uses the results to improve operation of the University.

In general, the University is properly working on its education and research based on the spirit of foundation, mission, and objectives. It is also flexibly responding to changes of external environment by promoting the “Chikujo Plan” and firmly maintaining education based on “spirit of Buddhism.” In addition, it continues its efforts to restructure education toward the place to go to, targeting at its 110th anniversary when the plan will complete. However, its management and operation, which should be the original point where the University starts its activities after establishing social credibility, has some important issues including non-compliance with laws. Therefore, immediate improvement is required.

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