

TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE,SUWA (諏訪東京理科大学)

Evaluation summary

Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.

The University's mission and goals of education and research into science, engineering and their applications, contributing to cultural progress and industrial prosperity as a local center of knowledge etc. are concisely and specifically stated in the University Regulations.

The mission and goals of the University are discussed by its Faculty Council and Board of Directors, and shared between executives, faculty and staff. In addition, the contents of the mission and goals are made known on-campus and outside of the University through the University website and Student Life Handbook etc.

The educational content and educational and research organization of each department of the faculty, and each major of the graduate school are composed in a manner consistent with the University's mission and goals, and appropriate responses such as reviews of departments and courses are carried out in the light of societal changes.

The three policies of diploma policy, curriculum policy and admission policy are linked in with the University's mission and goals, and an appropriate mutual relationship between the two has been arranged.

Standard 2. Learning and Teaching

The University' admission policy is displayed on-campus and outside of the University, and in addition to the general entrance examination a wide range of other examinations are conducted such as the admission based on recommendation examinations and special entrance examinations for working adults.

The educational curriculum has been systematically developed according to the curriculum policy, there are system diagrams showing the courses for each department, and due consideration is paid to learning. Furthermore, through a guidance group system and the use of learning portfolios, a meticulous support system is in place including help for daily student life.

The diploma policy is clearly stated, and the standards for awarding credits, requirements for promotion to the next school year, certifying graduation and completion are all stipulated in the University Regulations and stringently operated.

Student career support is dealt with through collaboration between the Employment Board and Career Center; student employment rates within Nagano Prefecture where the University is located are high, and the University is making achievements in line with its mission and goals.

The state of attainment of educational objectives is checked through tuition questionnaires, the results of which are provided to the faculty as feedback, and used to improve class instruction and learning guidance.

The staffing level of the faculty and the surface area of the University's grounds and buildings satisfy the Standards for Establishment of Universities and the Standards for Establishment of Graduate Schools. The University is equipped with the facilities required to reach its educational objectives, and are appropriately managed.

Standard 3. Management, Administration and Finance

The University's management is correctly carried out pursuant to relevant laws and the articles of endowment, and discipline and integrity is maintained with the Board of Directors playing a central role. Regulations have also been prepared regarding observance of laws, environmental conservation and human rights, and these are suitably operated.

The decision-making of the University regarding administration, education and learning centers on the Dean and Department Chief Council, Faculty Council, Faculty General Meeting, Graduate School Committee and Graduate School Council, and a system in which the governance of the President can be appropriately executed is in place. Furthermore, the administration department that supports the above is staffed with the requisite number according to the University regulations, and is operated with a clear allotment of responsibilities.

The various financial ratios are in a healthy state and the financial base required to achieve the University's mission and goals has been established. Accounting procedures are conducted pursuant to the Accounting Standards for Incorporated Educational Institutions etc., and audits and accounting audits are correctly carried out by an audit firm.

Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation

The implementation of self-inspection and evaluation centers on the Tokyo University of Science Suwa Self-Inspection and Evaluation Committee, is analyzed and evaluated by the Institutional Research (IR) Committee and other relevant committees, and a mechanism is in place to link this to reforms.

Self-inspections and evaluations are conducted through the basic materials of annually implemented tuition questionnaires, surveys on the state of students and job placement questionnaires, and the University strives for evidence-based transparency.

Evaluation results are distributed among faculty and staff in the form of reports, and information is both shared and made public on the University's website.

In summary, while the University has struggled to secure students in the past, since the decision that it would become a Public University Corporation in the 2018 academic year was made the number of applicants sitting the 2017 academic year entrance examination improved spectacularly. Furthermore, the University's operation has developed appropriate mechanisms and an educational organization, and through its education and research is building up achievements in contributions to the local community that deserve recognition. Reforms based on its self-inspections and evaluations are continually underway, and it is considered that strenuous efforts are being made to improve the quality of the University.

Note that with regard to the University's unique initiatives regarding its mission and goals, the general comments on "Standard A. Pursuit of education that fosters practical strengths, and "Standard B. Community collaboration and contribution" should be referred to.