

SEIWA UNIVERSITY (清和大学)

Evaluation summary

Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.

The University is a private university situated in Kisarazu City in the Southern Boso Area of Chiba Prefecture, and its founding dates back to the Kisarazu English Language School established in the year 1946. Seiwa University itself was opened in 1994.

With “truehearted education” stated as its founding principle, the mission of the university is described as fostering human resources capable of contributing to society and to the local community with truehearted education as its backbone.

The University’s goals and the educational objectives of the faculty are stipulated in Article 1 of the University Regulations. The educational and research organization takes the shape of one-faculty-one-department University with a Faculty of Law and Department of Law. Since the 2005 academic year the three courses of Law, Business Management Law and Sports Law were established under the Department of Law, and at the courses are arranged with consideration paid to connecting them with the diversification of society and law.

Standard 2. Learning and Teaching

An admissions policy based on the type of entrance examination has been formulated, and this is made known through the application guidelines and University website. Pursuant to the curriculum policy, lecture-based courses consisting of basic and specialized law have been set up, and the exercise course is gradually expanded from the basics upwards in tandem with the students’ progress over each year, providing a systematic arrangement of tuition for cultivating abilities.

With regard to support for learning and class instruction, a full-time faculty teacher system is in place, and innovation in guidance is shown by, for example, early countermeasure sheets to prevent drop-outs and the guidance offered when student are given the results of their performance. Furthermore, the results of tuition evaluation questionnaires are reflected in Faculty Development (FD) study groups and so on. Through a mutual collaboration system based on the Career Support Committee, Career Guidance Office and Civil Service Exam Information Center the University’s career guidance system is displaying excellent results in job placements for students. It should be noted that the number of full-time faculty and professors satisfies the requirements of the Standards for Establishment of Universities, and in addition to the three courses a faculty has been secured that can operate lectures on how to approach taking the civil service exam and obtaining other qualifications. The University buildings, library and physical education facilities all provide an appropriate educational environment.

Standard 3. Management, Administration and Finance

The objectives of the articles of endowment state that the University will provide school education pursuant to both the Basic Act on Education and the School Education Act. The Code of Conduct for the Incorporated Educational Institution Kimitsu Gakuen Faculty and Staff have been enacted and management discipline and integrant is strictly in line with the relevant laws. The Board of Directors and Board of Councilors have been established and convened according to the articles of endowment, and the decision-making mechanism of the University’s incorporated entity appropriately prepared. The President attends the Board of Directors, the Faculty Council is attended by the Chair of the Board of Directors and there is smooth communication between the University's incorporated entity and the University itself. In addition to the Faculty Council as a deliberative body the President’s Office has been established to examine matters for consultation raised by the President, and a system in which the President can sufficiently exercise leadership is in place.

Since the 2010 academic year a medium-term plan has been formulated and the University is operating according to that plan. The expenditure of the University itself continues to outstrip revenue, but since the 2014 academic year the number of students has started to recover, and hopefully it will move back into the black as a result of abolishing the evening courses and reducing scholarships. Accounting procedures are dealt with by auditor audits and external accounting audits

by an audit firm, and these are all functioning.

Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation

In line with the University Regulations the Seiwa University Self-Inspection and Evaluation and Development Committee Regulations have been formulated, and three reports have been compiled and published since the First Self-Inspection and Evaluation Report compiled in the 2000 academic year.

Self-Inspection and Evaluation Reports are created with highly transparent evidence based on the data collated and sorted by each department. As the next step, in order to enable efficient data collation and analysis information managed on a unified basis by the person-in-charge of Institutional Research (IR) in the President's Office.

With regards to a PDCA cycle the University has introduced a process of reviewing the matters pointed out by JIHEE during the evaluation and accreditation, it conducted and based on the previous Self-Inspection and Evaluation Report, and this process is being promoted under the leadership of the President. In the future, the University plans to establish a PDCA cycle mechanism within its medium-to-long-term plans.

In summary, based on its founding principles of "truehearted education," education, a learning system and organization are operated appropriately and in a manner aimed at attaining its mission and goals. As a focal center for community collaboration in the Southern Boso Area the University has produced human resources who are able to contribute to the local community. As the number of entrants has been improving in recent years it is to be hoped that the University will improve its financial circumstances through cost-cutting measures.

Note that with regard to the University's unique initiatives regarding its mission and goals, the general comments on "Standard A. local community collaboration and cooperation, and local community contribution" should be referred to.