

YOKKAICHI UNIVERSITY (四日市大学)

Evaluation summary

Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.

With regard to the University's mission, goals and educational objectives, based on its founding principle of "Humanness", which is the ethos of the Incorporated Educational Institution Akatsuki Gakuen, the University aims to be "a university that looks to the world while considering the community", clearly stipulating its mission, goals and educational objectives as "Human resources development required by the local community" and Local community contribution as a base for science and liberal arts for the local community". In addition to the University's individuality and distinctive quality being clearly stipulated in the University Regulations, they are also reflected in the three policies of diploma policy, curriculum policy and admission policy as well as the Akatsuki Gakuen Medium-Term Management Plan. Together with reorganization of faculty and department structure in response to factors such as changes in the social conditions affecting the University and the situation regarding student recruitment, the University is currently revising its human resources development and educational and research objectives.

Standard 2. Learning and Teaching

The University's admission policy has been clearly prescribed and is made available to the general public via the University website. Enrollment quotas for the University overall are continuing to fall short and total capacity has not been achieved; however, the University is strengthening its efforts to secure students through by reorganizing faculties and creating new curricula.

Curriculum policies have been prescribed for each faculty and department, and the educational curriculum is organized systematically to ensure continuity from enrollment to graduation. Class improvement questionnaires are conducted, the results of which are made public within the University and utilized in the improvement of tuition content and methods as well as learning guidance. Career support and various student services are provided through collaboration between faculty and staff, with relevant organizations working together.

The number of full-time faculty required by the University meets the Standards for Establishment of Universities. Employment and promotion of faculty is in accordance with the "Faculty Allocation Plan" and is carried out in compliance with the relevant regulations. Furthermore, faculty training is carried out as part of Faculty Development (FD) activities. University grounds, buildings, and various facilities and equipment are managed and operated appropriately and utilized effectively.

Standard 3. Management, Administration and Finance

The management discipline and integrity of the University's incorporated entity and the University are being maintained, and University operations are carried out in compliance with laws and ordinances. Careful consideration is also given to the environment and human rights, and both educational and financial information is made public via the University's website. The Board of Directors functions appropriately in accordance with the articles of endowment, creating a system enabling strategic decision-making aimed towards achievement of the University's mission and goals. The University has established various decision-making organs, and it is possible for the University President to demonstrate leadership appropriately. There is collaboration between administrative organs and departments, and a structure balancing leadership and bottom-up management has been created.

With regard to financial operations, budgets are prepared in accordance with the Akatsuki Gakuen Medium-Term Management Plan, which is formulated every five years, and regularly inspected by external organization. Not only are accounting procedures appropriately carried out in compliance with the Accounting Standards for Incorporated Educational Institutions and other regulations, but also audits are conducted by auditing firms.

Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation

With regard to self-inspections and evaluations, in order to ensure the effective functioning of the

University's educational activities, a Self-Inspection and Evaluation Committee has been established in accordance with University Regulations, which implements self-inspections and evaluations independently and autonomously and prepares reports periodically. Care is taken to enable the objective implementation of self-inspections and evaluations based on highly accurate and transparent data and evidence.

Self-inspection and evaluation results are shared with various organizations and utilized in implementing further reforms and improvements.

In summary, the University carries out its educational activities in accordance with its founding principles and goals; with regard to learning and teaching, the University is implementing various creative initiatives for students from enrollment to employment while at the same time endeavoring to revive student enrollment ratios through measures such as restructuring faculties and departments. Management and administration are carried out appropriately, and efforts are made to restore income and expenditure health through the Akatsuki Gakuen Medium-Term Management Plan and inspections conducted by external organizations. Self-inspections and evaluations are carried out independently and autonomously and their results are utilized in the reform and improvement of educational quality.

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