

SHOIN UNIVERSITY (松蔭大学)

Evaluation summary

During the academic year 2016 evaluation and accreditation, Point Evaluated 2-1 “Admission of students” was judged as being unsatisfactory, as was Standard 2. “Learning and Teaching.” The University is in need of fully-fledged reforms because of the ongoing situation in which the number of students enrolling across the whole University is considerably lower than the student quota. Furthermore, Point Evaluated 3-3 “Decision-making process and leadership of the president” was judged as being unsatisfactory, as was Standard 3. “Management, Administration and Finance,” because the University was not strictly adhering to important legislation relating to university operations including a failure to review regulations in response to amendments to the School Education Act and related regulations. Furthermore, there was no clarity or functionality concerning the authorities and responsibilities related to the University’s decision-making.

However, as it was judged that it would be feasible to reform the cause of the standard deemed unsatisfactory within the space of one year, it was decided to wait for the results of the re-evaluation before making a final decision, and the comprehensive judgment on the University had therefore been deferred.

With regard to Points Evaluated 2-1 for Standard 2 and 3-3 for Standard 3, the results of an academic year 2018 re-evaluation centering on the matters for reform pointed out in the academic year 2016 are as follows. With regard to the Points Evaluated for Standard 2, with the exception of the Department of Early Childhood Studies at the Faculty of Communication and Culture, established in the academic year 2017, the fill-rate of total capacity at all other nine departments was severely low, in addition to which the fill-rate of the whole University’s total capacity was under 50% and a serious state of affairs that cannot be acknowledged as having been improved continues. With regard to the Points Evaluated for Standard 3, the important matters on education and learning requiring the opinion of the Faculty Council to be sought according to Article 93, Paragraph (2), Item (iii) of the School Education Act, have still not been decided by the President, nor disseminated, and no improvements can be acknowledged.