

Evaluation summary

“Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

The University was founded in 1968 under the spirit of foundation “to create university which is deeply rooted in an area, develops an area and is open to an area.” Its mission and objectives are defined in its school code “to foster human resources who have rich and varied general culture and deep professional expertise based on the spirit of foundation” and the contents follow the School Education Act and related laws. It formulated “Middle- and Long-term Plan of the ASAHIKAWA UNIVERSITY” in 2016 to accommodate change of social situation and tries to foster human resources who can address various issues independently from a global perspective in response to the needs of local society. It consists of educational research structure well suited to its educational objectives and is operated properly.

“Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

The admission policy is clearly presented and known to everybody through the University guidance or website. The University tries to accept students within the enrollment limit under an appropriate system. Each department and division forms systematical educational curriculum and makes an ingenious plan such as incorporating small-group seminar system, classroom coach system, etc. It offers carrier education closely-attached to local society including internship and, as a result, maintains high employment rate. Number of full-time teachers meets the criterion, the age composition of faculty is well balanced, and they are appropriately assigned. The areas of school compound and building also meet the criterion and the facilities and equipment, such as athletic fields, a library, gymnasiums, and practical rooms, are appropriately arranged and being upgraded.

“Standard 3. Management, Admission and Finance”

The corporate business follows the code of donative activities. The Board of Directors works as the chief decision-making body and runs appropriately along with the board of trustees. It formulated the “Middle-term Business Plan Related to Maintenance of Facilities and Equipment of the Corporate Business ASAHIKAWA UNIVERSITY” and maintains its educational environment while reviewing the plan every annual year. In university operation, it sets up “ASAHIKAWA UNIVERSITY Council” consisting of the vice-president, graduate course heads, academic deans, the Chairman as a system to support the President in order to develop a system where the President can take a leadership. The President and vice-president attend the meetings of standing directors held once a month as members. The academic deans also attend the meeting as observers to exchange information of the current situation of the University and to facilitate communication between the corporate business and the University. To build sound balance

of payments, it formulated the “Middle- and Long-term Financial Plan of the Corporate Business ASAHIKAWA UNIVERSITY” in 2016 and tries to establish stable financial ground.

“Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation”

The University established Self-Inspection and Evaluation system by setting up the “Code of Self-Inspection and Evaluation Committee in ASAHIKAWA UNIVERSITY” to accomplish its objectives and social mission. The member of the committee includes the President, vice-president, academic deans, division heads, the Chairman of the BOD and deputy director. A system to collect and analyze information or data necessary to analyze the current situation is being maintained and the results related to the information gained using this system are available both on and off campus through its website and elsewhere. Based on authentication results of each institution, the University holds “Open Class Week” and Faculty Development (FD) workshops to build a structure to improve education and the structure works indeed.

In general, the education of the University attains its mission and objectives “to foster independent human recourses” as “a university which is deeply rooted in an area, develops an area and is open to an area” based on strong cooperative relationship with local society.

Please see general comments of each standard for “Standard A. Contribution to Local Society” and/or “Standard B. Development of Human Resources and Local Contribution Based on the Spirit of Foundation” defined as a unique framework of the University based on its mission and goal.