

Evaluation summary

“Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

The KANSAI UNIVERSITY of SOCIAL WELFARE posted its spirit of foundation (“to treat human equally,” “to respect individuality,” and “to treasure conformity and gratitude”) and four basic philosophies and defined its mission, objectives and educational objective in the school code of the University and the graduate school based on the above spirit. They are expressed in simple writing by each department and research course and included in handbooks for students and graduate students or website. Article 1 of the school code of the University states its objectives and specifies the characteristics and features of the University as its background of foundation (i.e. founded in mixed corporation of Ako city in Hyogo prefecture and the corporate business) and openness (i.e. the University contributes development of the local society).

The mission, objectives, and educational objective are reflected as “to enrich educational contents and promote research activities” and “to promote local contribution and cooperation with high schools” in the “Middle-term Management Plan in KANSAI KONKO GAKUEN of SOCIAL WELFARE (2015-2019)” and reflected as its targets in three policies (diploma policy, curriculum policy and admission policy).

“Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

The University defines admission policy in each department and research course which are specified in its website, an entrance examination guidebook, a guideline for applicants, etc. and announced at open campus, consultation on university, etc. Educational curricula of departments are in line with respective curriculum policies and the departments of social welfare, developmental pedagogy, and nursing focus on education fostering social workers, teachers and child-care workers, and nurses, respectively.

As a system to draw opinions about learning and class support from students, there are on-line questionnaires for students and lecture evaluation questionnaires conducted for all subjects in principle and 4 opinion boxes named “Voice” and set on campus is also working.

“Standard 3. Management, Admission and Finance”

The University is continuously working on fulfillment of its mission and objectives by setting up the “University Management Committee” and the “University Reformation Promoting Meeting” as deliberative bodies of university management and discussing important matters of university operation periodically in the “President Assisting Meeting.” The executive office manages revision of related laws such as the School Education Act using a fixed system and conducts operation appropriately according to related laws to guarantee quality of its education. The “President Assisting Meeting,” the faculty council and each research course committee are served as places that the President hears opinions

to make decision and as assisting systems for the President to take the leadership.

The accounting procedures are properly performed based on the accounting standards for incorporated schools, the “Accounting Code of the incorporated school, Kansai Konko Gakuen,” and the “Asset Management Code of the incorporated school, Kansai Konko Gakuen.” In the accounting duties, representatives of the University and the corporate business work together to check status of budget consumption and disbursements not provided for in the budget, as well as manage budget use properly.

“Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation”

The University defines its “Code of Self-Inspection and Evaluation” and sets up Self-Inspection Committee based on the Code of Conference Organizations to conduct Self-Inspection and Evaluation voluntarily and autonomously. All Self-Inspection and Evaluation documents released annually since 2009 has been prepared based on evidences. Conference minutes of each conference organization is shared and increases the transparency by the computer network that all faculty members have access.

Since 2015, the University has started to prepare an annual evaluation report draft based on an annual activity report summarized by the Self-Inspection Committee at the end of a fiscal year. Based on this draft, the President sends instruction for new fiscal year to each conference organization. Based on the instruction and the annual plan of the middle-term 5-year plan, the conference organization prepares annual activity plan to execute their duties. Structures of these plan-do-check-action (PDCA) cycle has been established.

In general, the University is operated properly based on its spirit of foundation, mission and objectives, and educational objective and is developing stable educational and research activities. Although it offers various educational supports that get to student's eye level in quiet and settled educational environment, it is expected to make a further effort to enrich its syllabus, etc.

Please see a general comment of the standard for “Standard A. Coordination and Cooperation with Local Society” defined as a unique framework of the University based on its mission and goal.