

Kio University (畿央大学)

Evaluation summary

“Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.”

The spirits of foundation of the Kio University, “to improve virtue,” “to refine knowledge,” and “to create beauty,” are concise, specific, and easy to understand and reflected in the restructured educational curriculum and lecture contents. The mission, objectives, and educational objective obviously include characteristics and features of the University. These mission, objectives, and educational objective are properly reflected in the middle- and long-term plan and three policies (diploma policy, curriculum policy and admission policy). To attain its educational objective “to foster human resources who can contribute society in the field of health and education using professional knowledge and power of execution and with well-rounded character,” the University has appropriate departments, divisions, and research courses in the graduate school.

“Standard 2. Learning and Teaching”

The University devises various examination methods to accept students according to the admission policy and keeps candidates for an exam and stakeholders informed about it to secure the number of the candidates high. In the curriculum policy, “Life Ethics” of liberal arts education is one of the compulsory subjects in all departments. As an approach of active learning, it lends students a tablet-type computer to improve teaching effectiveness using information technology (IT) actively. Since 2015, it has launched the “Second Information Environment Basic Plan” and is organizing use of more advanced information-communication technology (ICT). Many students also actively participate in volunteer activities and contribute to local society.

Number of full-time teachers meets the standard needed in each division, and the age composition and sex ratio of faculty is generally well balanced. As a Faculty Development (FD) activity, the University has “Lecture Study Group” of teachers to exchange opinions after visiting “research lectures,” examine effective teaching methods, and improve their quality and skill.

“Standard 3. Management, Admission and Finance”

The University declares to adhere to relevant laws and regulations in the code of donative activities. It is properly operated based on various internal regulations and maintains discipline and truthfulness of the management. Educational and financial information defined in the laws are published in its website and known widely to society. Although the President concurrently works as the Chairman, respective administrative authorities are clearly divided. The “Education Promoting Room,” which general manager is the President, is providing and improving method of education systematically and continuously in the whole educational curricula of the University and graduate school and establishes organization control which promotes educational reformation under the

leadership of the President. The “Administrative Director’s Office Meeting” set under the Board of Directors serves as a system to analyze and comprehend status of management and operation, social trend, and more, and to plan and implements the ”Gakuen Middle-and Long-term Plan” and various businesses. In this structure, governance system is working properly. The University also holds Staff Development (SD) seminars to improve quality of faculty and is performing lectures and group-work trainings with fixed themes. Its financial ground is stable and account processing is properly conducted.

“Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation”

The University holds “University Evaluation Committee” which has the honor of sitting with officials of the local government and utilizes opinions of external knowledgeable persons to perform Self-Inspection and Evaluation in an organized way. In 2009, the University received evaluation of institutional authorization and then tries to understand the actual condition of educational research to reflect the results in its business plan. A system of plan-do-check-action (PDCA) cycle to fully use the Self-Inspection and Evaluation is established.

In general, the University is a higher education facility consisting of the Department of Health Science (Divisions of Physical Therapy, Nursing Medicine, Health Nutrition, and Human Environment Design) and Department of Education (Division of Modern Education) and clearly states its mission, objectives and educational objective. It is operated properly and achieved outstanding educational performance. In addition, it is the only university in the local government, Koryo-cho, which places its great hopes to this university.

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