

Sanyo Gakuen University (山陽学園大学)

Evaluation summary

Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.

The University's mission, goals and educational objectives are clearly and specifically stipulated and concisely documented in line with its founding principle of "a spirit of love and service." These are widely publicized through various types of media both on-campus and outside of the University. The University's mission and goals are reflected in the Sanyo Gakuen Medium-Term Plan and the three policies of diploma policy, curriculum policy and admission.

The University's educational and research organization has been created according to its mission, goals and educational objectives, and been suitably developed.

Standard 2. Learning and Teaching

The admission policy is clearly stipulated, innovation is displayed in the admission of a wide range of entrants, and efforts are made to secure full enrollment quotas.

The curriculum policy has been formulated in line with the educational objectives, a systematic educational curriculum designed, and educational innovation centering on the introduction of active learning is displayed. The University Regulations and various other regulations stipulate the standards regarding awarding credits, certifying promotion to the next school year, and graduation, all of which are implemented in line with these standards.

Student guidance is meticulously addressed by advisors and the Department of Student Affairs, who share their roles. With regard to career support too, there is a system in place for consultation and advice. The number of faculty satisfies the Standards for Establishment of Universities and are appropriately posted.

With regard to the University grounds, buildings and educational environment, it is to be hoped that the University takes systematic measures centering on the issues of earthquake resistance and moving towards a more barrier-free environment.

Standard 3. Management, Administration and Finance

The University is appropriately operated in accordance with the articles of endowment and other regulations in order to attain its mission and goals. Every academic year a budget compilation plan and business plan are drawn up in line with the Sanyo Gakuen Medium-Term Plan.

The Board of Directors perform the role of the University's incorporated entity's body for decision-making and the execution of business in line with the Private Schools Act and articles of endowment, while the Management Council has been established as the forum for strategic decision-making, and also serve as an auxiliary body to the Board of Directors.

In order to achieve collaboration between the administration department and the education and learning departments the President serves as the Chairperson of the Joint Council that consists of those responsible for each department, and attempts are being made to exercise leadership and operate in a balanced bottom-up manner.

In line with the medium-term plan, the University is acting diligently towards the securement of a stable financial base and fiscal balance. Accounting procedures are appropriately conducted with close adherence to the Accounting Standards for Incorporated Educational Institutions, and the University's Accounting Regulations and Capital Management Regulations.

Standard 4. Self-Inspection and Evaluation

In order to attain the University's mission and goals, every academic year independent self-inspection and evaluation activities are implemented, and an Activity Achievement Report compiled. So as to ascertain the state of self-inspections and evaluations an Institutional Research (IR) Promotion Office has been established, and a system for the collation and analysis of data is in place. Attempts to share the results of self-inspections and evaluations within the University are made through Faculty Development (FD) and Staff Development (SD), and all-faculty study groups and so on, and the Activities Performance Report is made available to the public on the University website.

In response to the results of self-inspections and evaluations each faculty, department and the secretariat compile Individual Plans regarding priority initiatives, and progress management is conducted through cross-university deliberation made at the Joint Council, providing a mechanism with an awareness of the PDCA cycle.

In summary, in order to achieve the missions and goals according to the University's founding principles, educational and research activities based on specific educational objectives are being carried out. With regard to learning and teaching, innovation is taking place in the efforts to treat each and every student with importance centering on the advisor system as well as in teaching methods. Furthermore, management, administration and finance are all operated under an appropriate mechanism, and the results of self-inspections and evaluations are reflected in the operation of the University.

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