

## KURUME INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (久留米工業大学)

### Evaluation summary

**This university has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the standards of the Japan Institution for Higher Education Evaluation.**

Standards	Evaluation result
Standard 1. Mission and Objectives, etc.	Satisfied
Standard 2. Students	Satisfied
Standard 3. Educational Curriculum	Satisfied
Standard 4. Faculty and Staff	Satisfied
Standard 5. Management, Administration and Finance	Satisfied
Standard 6. Internal Quality Assurance	Satisfied

### Good practices

- In order to admit students in line with the admission policy the statements of purpose and academic transcripts are given scores and evaluated in both the general entrance examination and the entrance examinations using the National Center Test for University Admissions. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- The faculty members at the Fundamental Education Center participate as assistants to the faculty members in physics and mathematics classes during students' first years, and collaborate in supporting the students who have difficulties with learning. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- With the Career Support Center at its core, collaboration is achieved between the faculty members who are its operating committee members and the staff members of the Office of Placement, and career education, internships and job placement support activities are linked and implemented. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- Building No. 100 has been designed with consideration to the lines of student movement between the welfare facilities, learning commons and classrooms, and to make the architectural structure and architectural equipment visible, serves as a "living" teaching material on architecture and energy systems, and has been built to induce high educational results. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- Graduate research is positioned as the culmination of students' learning, and stringent evaluations in line with the rubric are implemented. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.

- In order to create a curriculum policy consistent with the diploma policy, active learning and other methods are adopted as part of an educational policy in seminars and experimental courses and organizational initiatives such as FD training regarding the content to be implemented are conducted. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.
- With regard to the inspection and evaluation of learning outcomes, the questionnaires implemented in each division are analyzed by the IR Promotion Center, published on the *Kitto Miru* website shared by faculty and staff, and this links in with improvements to education and research activities. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- The members of the Student, Faculty and Staff Educational Improvements Subcommittee, which functions under the FD Committee, include students, and the subcommittee conducts surveys into the opinions and requests regarding teaching improvements and other initiatives. The university is thus enthusiastically working on FD activities aimed at educational improvements, which is worthy of evaluation.
- Taking the opportunity of the development of Partner Mobility, an environment that includes technical consulting and technical instruction with local corporations is eagerly promoted, in the academic year 2020 the Applied AI Research Laboratory was established, and considerable effort is made into improving the branding of the university. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.

### **Recommendations for improvement**

- With regard to the conferral of degrees by the graduate school, the Regulations of Graduate School Committee of Kurume Institute of Technology do not stipulate them as a matter for deliberation, and the minutes of the Graduate School Committee do not record the content of any such deliberations. Improvements are required.
- The meeting of the Board of Directors on June 14, 2019 was held in a written format though Article 36 of the Private Schools Act stipulates that regardless of the agenda the Board of Directors shall meet in person, and improvements are required.
- The meeting of the Board of Councilors on June 20, 2019 was held in a written format though Article 41 of the Private Schools Act stipulates that regardless of the agenda the Board of Councilors shall meet in person, and improvements are required.