

Saku university (佐久大学)

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

- The university formulates an annual plan and works on FD activities. It has launched an Inter-learning Teaching Group to maximize active learning and other educational activities, and conducts autonomous activities. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.
- With regards to the *Ashi-iku* (foot health) research adopted as a Private University Research Branding Project, cross-university research is promoted and as a unique feature of the university it is worthy of high evaluation.
- With regards to environmental conservation, in order to promote eco-activities and pursue concrete activities for the natural environment the university grazes goats and sheep to keep the grass short on the athletic grounds in the campus, thereby reducing environmental burdens and creating a restful space where students and faculty and staff can get close to animals, which is useful in maintaining mental and physical health. This initiative is worthy of high evaluation.

Recommendations for improvement

- With regard to the procedures for the expulsion and suspension of, and warnings to students, there are no appropriate stipulations made by the President in line with Article 26 of the Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, and improvements are required.
- With regard to the alteration or abolishment of University Regulations, these have not been deliberated by the Board of Directors pursuant to Article 58 of the University Regulations, and no notification has been made to MEXT. Improvements are required.

- There are problems regarding the appropriate stipulation by the President of procedures for the disciplinary action against the students and the procedures for the alteration or abolishment of University Regulations, and the functionality of internal quality assurance is inadequate. Improvements are required.