

RAKUNO GAKUEN UNIVERSITY (酪農学園大学)

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

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- Lively research activities are conducted at the Animal Medical Center, Information Service Center for Agriculture and Environment, and the Field Education and Research Center, and these facilities serve to enrich the university's education and research and community contributions. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.

Recommendations for improvement

- Article 7, paragraph (3), item (iii) of the University Regulations and Article 5, paragraph (1), item (iii) of the Faculty Council Regulations, pursuant to Article 93, paragraph (2), item (iii) of the School Education Act, stipulate that “the President shall decide the matters that are important regarding education and research and require the opinions of the Faculty Council to be heard.” However, the President has not decided upon and publicize these matters, and improvements are required.

- With regard to the audit report of the auditors, improvements are required concerning the fact that they are treated as matters to be deliberated along with settlement of accounts and business reports at the meetings of the Board of Directors and Board of Councilors, and are finally approved by the Board of Directors after deliberation by the Board of Directors and Board of Councilors.
- With regard to settlement of accounts and reports on business performance, the Board of Directors deliberates these matters, assigns them as matters to be deliberated by the Board of Councilors, and they are approved by the Board of Directors after deliberation by the Board of Councilors. However, improvements are required to ensure that after approval by the Board of Directors a report is made to the Board of Councilors and their opinions sought as stipulated in Article 46 of the Private Schools Act.
- With regard to the establishment of the Rakuno Gakuen University Regulations on the Payment of Remuneration etc., for Directors improvements are required as the regulations were decided upon by the Board of Directors without the opinions of the board of Councilors being sought beforehand.
- With regard to the administration of the university and its incorporated entity, improvements are required towards developing and strengthening internal control functions as the appropriate execution of matters in line with certain laws is not being secured.