

Tohoku Seikatsu Bunka University (東北生活文化大学)

Evaluation summary

This university has not 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	Unsatisfied
Standard 6. Internal Quality Assurance	Satisfied

Good practices

- In cases in which it is difficult for students to complete an undergraduate program in four years because they have a job or because of family circumstances, a long-term study system is in place in which they can attend the university for up to eight years for the payment of a four-year tuition fee etc., and this initiative that generously takes into consideration the needs of adult students is worthy of evaluation.

Recommendations for improvement

- Regarding the appointment of directors, Article 6, paragraph (1), item (iii) of the articles of endowment stipulates that they should be “persons appointed by the board of Directors after hearing the opinions of the Board of Councilors,” but they are being appointed without seeking the opinion of the Board of Councilors. Improvements are required.
- Changes in the University Regulations are notified to MEXT without being decided by the Board of Directors and improvements are required.
- The Funds Operation and Management Regulations stipulates that a Funds Operation Plan shall be created and approved by the Board of Directors, but the plan is not deliberated by the Board of Directors. Improvements are required in order to ensure operations in line with regulations.
- When funds were borrowed in order to develop facilities in the academic year 2017 the opinions of the Board of Councilors were not sought in advance despite this being a matter for consultation with the Board of Councilors according to the articles of endowment, and improvements are required.

- The balance of educational activity's income and expenditure of both the university and its incorporated entity as a whole are expected to fall into the negative even if financial operations are conducted according to plan during the term stated in the Mid-term Future Vision Plan. It can therefore hardly be said that a stable financial base is being established, and improvements are required.
- Since the university's current account balance is chronically negative it is required that the university makes efforts to secure an appropriate number of students and improvements towards financial equilibrium.
- The system for collecting information on and analyzing educational activities, initiatives to maintain management discipline and integrity, and the system for cross-checks between the university and its incorporated entity are all inadequate and improvements are required.