

KOBETOKIWA UNIVERSITY (神戸常盤大学)

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 has opened a PCR Testing Center on campus as a registered clinical laboratory in accordance with the law, contributing to the safety and security of students' learning environment and the local community. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- In order to foster staff members' ability to provide student guidance, the university has staff members acquire Career Development Advisor (CDA) and Career Consultant qualifications and holds training workshops taught by qualified staff members. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.
- The university has been accredited by Kobe City for FAST (First Aid Support Team: a private first aid training group), and many of the faculty members who underwent Kobe City Fire Bureau training courses are registered as instructors, contributing to the community, and an emergency life-saving technician training program is implemented as a quasi-regular curriculum subject for new entrants. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.
- The university actively acquires grants, such as the Comprehensive Support Program for Private University Reform and is achieving results. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.

Recommendations for improvement

- Regarding the "matters stipulated by the President as important points regarding education and research in which it is essential to seek the opinions of the Faculty Council" as prescribed under Article 53, paragraph (1), item (iii) of the University Regulations, improvements are required to ensure that the President stipulates and issues notification about the said matters in accordance

with Article 93, paragraph (2), item (iii) of the School Education Act.

- With regard to the procedures related to disciplinary action against students as prescribed under Article 60 of the University Regulations, improvements are required to ensure that the President appropriately stipulates the said procedures in accordance with Article 26, paragraph (5) of the Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act.
- With regard to the procedures for electing currently serving auditors, Article 7 of the articles of endowment states that auditors shall be “appointed by the Chair of the Board of Directors from among candidates selected by the Board of Directors with the approval of the Board of Councilors,” but no candidates were selected at the 5th Board of Directors meeting for the 2018 academic year. Accordingly, improvements are required.
- Improvements are required with regard to some items related to appropriate university operations, such as the hearing of opinions by the Faculty Council, rules regarding disciplinary action against students, and the appointment of auditors, and it cannot be said that the university’s internal quality assurance system is sufficiently functional.