

SHIKOKU GAKUIN UNIVERSITY (四国学院大学)

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 introduced a Peer Leader System in which trained senior year students support first-year students in their learning and school life, and strives to promote learning and class instruction support through peer support. This initiative is worthy of high evaluation.
- As a lecture guarantee for students with disabilities, a wide range of learning and class instruction support is provided such as the note-taking service system, attendant service system, and dispatch of sign language interpreters, and the fact that many students with disabilities use these is worthy of high evaluation.
- The university's unique grant-type scholarship system in which students are not required to repay fees provides wide coverage, and the fact that many students use the system is worthy of high evaluation.
- The Notos Studio where concerts, plays, films, lecture meetings and symposia are presented or held is widely used not only for classes but by people outside the university as a place for community events and performances, and an interaction point for local culture. This initiative is worthy of high evaluation.
- The Magnolia Café, one of the university's main efforts for the promotion of education reform, is a unique innovation aimed at creating the communication of knowledge while students and faculty dine with each other, and the fact that the leading faculty members are allotted special event education research funding and enthusiastically encouraged is worthy of evaluation.

Recommendations for improvement

- Since the fact that the final decision regarding the administrative affairs of the university resides with the Presidents is not clear in the university regulations, improvements are required in order to ensure that in the regulations the fact that the person with the final right of decision is the

President is clarified, in view of the gist of the School Education Act.

- With regard to important matters concerning education and learning about which it is necessary for the opinion of the Faculty Council to be sought, improvements are required concerning the fact that the President has not stipulated and communicated them.
- The facts that the final decision regarding the administrative affairs of the university lies with the President is unclear, important matters concerning education and learning about which it is necessary for the opinion of the Faculty Council to be sought have not been stipulated and communicated by the President mean that internal quality assurance cannot be said to be sufficiently functional, and improvements are required.