

## Shibata Gakuen University (柴田学園大学)

### 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

- In order to accept students who meet the admissions policy, the introduction of interviews in addition to written tests and interviews in all the selection categories of the Faculty of Human Life Design's Department of Health and Nutrition and Department of Child Development and Education is worthy of evaluation.
- As a form of career guidance for current students by graduates, the "Dear Younger Friends" messages written by former students telling students about their current situations are effective in helping them to decide where to work, and are worthy of evaluation.

### Recommendations for improvement

- Although the Shibata Gakuen Management Improvement Plan has been formulated, a mid-term plan regarding the business of the incorporated entity has not been formulated in line with Article 45-2, paragraph (2) of the Private Schools Act, and improvements are required.
- The fact that the authority for revising or abolishing the Shibata Gakuen Faculty Council Management Regulations lies with the Faculty Council itself is inappropriate in light of Article 93 of the School Education Act and Article 39 of the University Regulations that state that the Faculty Council is an advisory body to the President, and improvements are required.
- With regard to disciplinary action against students, the President has not stipulated specific procedures for hearing the defense of the students to be punished in line with Article 26, paragraph (5) of the Regulation for Enforcement of the School Education Act, and improvements are required.
- The position of the director appointed from the councilors stipulated in Article 38 of the Private Schools Act (director prescribed in item (ii) of the article) and in Article 10 of the articles of endowment is vacant, and improvements are required.

- The fact that the meetings of the Board of Directors were held in writing several times during the academic years 2020 and 2021 requires improvement.
- The fact that the meetings of the Board of Councilors were held in writing several times during the academic years 2020 and 2021 requires improvement.
- There are matters requiring improvement in the formulation of mid-term plans regarding its business, functionality of education and learning management, appointment of directors, and the method in which meetings of the Board of Directors and the Board of Councilors are held. Since internal quality assurance cannot be described as adequately functioning, improvements are required.