

Hiroshima Cosmopolitan University (広島都市学園大学)

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	Unsatisfied
Standard 5. Management, Administration and Finance	Satisfied
Standard 6. Internal Quality Assurance	Unsatisfied

Good practices

None.

Recommendations for improvement

- The fill rate of the total capacity of the Faculty of Childhood Education's Department of Childhood Education is below 70% and improvements are required.
- Although the FD Promotion Committee has been established as an organizational system to improve teaching methods in line with the regulations, and mutual observation of classes, open lessons and class evaluation questionnaires are conducted, the inspection and evaluation/feedback functions are inadequate and improvements are required to implement them in an organized manner.
- Regarding administrative affairs of the university, the fact that the final decision of the President is not assured is inappropriate in light of the gist of Article 92, paragraph (3) of the School Education Act, and improvements are required.
- The Faculty Council and Graduate School Committee do not give their opinions to the President with regard to admittance of students, graduation, course completion, conferral of degrees and important matters concerning education and learning stipulated by the President. Improvements are required.
- Important matters regarding which the opinions of the Faculty Council and Graduate School Committee need to be sought have not been stipulated and communicated by the President, and improvements are required.
- With regard to the appointment of the Vice President, the opinions of the President are not being sought despite the stipulation in Article 3 of the Regulations on the Appointment of Vice Presidents, and improvements are required.

- The state of progress of the Furusawa Gakuen 2nd Medium-Term Business Plan (academic years 2020-2024) that is the medium-term plan of the university's incorporated entity is not being managed in an organized manner, and improvements are required to develop this system.
- With regard to the set of rules and various regulations, frequent negligence such as omissions and erroneous records is observed, and improvements are required to create a system for their organized inspection and management.
- The fact that the auditor's audit reports are discussed and approved by the Board of Directors and Board of Councilors is inappropriate in light of the purpose of auditor's audit, and improvements are required.
- Cross-university policy regarding internal quality assurance has not been formulated or made clear, and improvements are required.
- Meetings of the Self Inspection Management Committee and Inspection Evaluation Implementation Committee, which should be playing important roles in implementation and results utilization of self-inspection and evaluation, are not being held, and a permanent organizational system and responsibility system for the internal quality assurance of the whole university are not functioning. Improvements are required.
- The Self-Inspection and Evaluation Report submitted for this evaluation and accreditation was virtually the same as the previous year including untruthful statements and typographical errors, the submissions lacked evidence such as documents and data, and can only be described as inadequate. Improvements are therefore required for the organized implementation of self-inspection and evaluation in line with the university's internal regulations.
- As the university's published Self-Inspection and Evaluation Report contains numerous errors, improvements are required to the responsibility system etc. regarding the publication of the report.
- The fact that the university's replies to written questions were untruthful can only be described as an act that damages the verity of evaluations. In order that such deceit does not occur again, improvements are required to the self-inspection and evaluation checking system and more thorough governance.
- An organizational system etc. for internal quality assurance across the whole university has not been substantially established, self-inspection and evaluation for internal quality assurance is inadequate, there were discrepancies between the content of replies given in response to written questions and responses provided during the on-site survey, and internal quality assurance cannot be said to be functional. Improvements are required.
- The content stipulated in the Furusawa Gakuen 2nd Medium Term Business Plan (academic years 2020-2024) that is the medium term plan of the university's incorporated entity is inexact, and improvements are required in order to create a practicable and highly detailed plan.
- There are items requiring improvement regarding the insufficient fill rate of the total capacity of the Department of Child Education, the functionality of education and learning management, and mutual checks on administration management. The internal quality assurance system cannot be described as functional, and improvements are required.