

HOKKAIDO INFORMATION UNIVERSITY (北海道情報大学)

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 established a *Suketto* (helpers) Room as a place for students to initially seek counselling when they need help but do not know who to consult for assistance, such as when they are experiencing problems in their school life or need help carrying out required procedures. This initiative is worthy of evaluation.
- In accordance with the Hokkaido Information University Curriculum Advisory Board Regulations, every academic year the university sets a theme based on its current situation. The university then obtains advice from advisors with extensive insight and experience in business, etc., inspects and improves the curriculum, and endeavors to enhance faculty quality. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.
- The university is strengthening its Diet and Health and Information system by integrating its Diet Health research centered on “dietary clinical studies” and its information technology, thereby developing and applying this in new research as part of joint government-private sector research projects. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.
- The university provides a full range of educational and research facilities/equipment and has created a cutting-edge experiment and practical training environment with such facilities as the motion capture and video production studio in the Media Creative Center and the clinical engineering practical training room in the Medical Information Center. These initiatives are worthy of evaluation.
- The Space Information Center provides an education and research environment for information and communication technology (ICT) in space exploration. Through technology exchange with space exploration companies related to the university’s incorporated educational institution and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), the university is utilizing this environment to create a system for training engineers as well as contribute to society. These initiatives are

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Recommendations for improvement

- The Faculty Council deliberates the selection of entrants after they have enrolled at the university. Accordingly, based on Article 93, paragraph (2), item (i) of the School Education Act, improvements are required.
- The number of faculty affiliated with the School of Distance Learning is one less than the number stipulated in Article 8, paragraph (2) of the University Correspondence Education Establishment Standard. Accordingly, improvements are required.
- The fact that the Board of Councilors deliberates and approves the appointment of directors and councilors other than those directors stipulated in Article 6, paragraph (4) of the articles of endowment is in violation of the provisions stipulated in all paragraphs of Article 6 (excluding paragraph (4)) and Article 24 of the articles of endowment. Accordingly, improvements are required.
- Regarding the total capacity fill rate of the School of Distance Learning's Department of Management and Information Networks, for which improvements were recommended in the certified evaluation and accreditation carried out in the academic year 2016, no improvements have been observed. Accordingly, improvements are still required.
- The Faculty Council selects entrants without obtaining the opinion of the President; there are fewer faculty in the School of Distance Learning than the number required under the University Correspondence Education Establishment Standard; and the appointment of directors and councilors is not being carried out in accordance with the articles of endowment. Accordingly, functionality with regard to internal quality assurance is problematic and improvements are required.