Hiroshima University International Symposium on Good Practices in Education Reform

Quality Assurance and Curriculum Innovation in Undergraduate Education

With simultaneous interpretation
Admission is free

Now that universities construct internationally relevant undergraduate curriculum (programs), assurance of the knowledge and skills required to complete those programs is necessary. In Hiroshima University, undergraduate curriculum was reorganized into major, minor and specific minor specialization programs in 2006. In fiscal year 2009, The GP [Construction of a new generation Hiroshima University Program of Specified Education and Study] was adapted to enhance the richness of educational content and quality assurance in education programs. In this symposium, we aim to review the results of the undergraduate education reform from a global perspective. Through this, we hope to clarify future challenges through discussion based on cases in Hiroshima University, together with the University of California at Berkeley and with domestic universities where global-oriented GP is developed in.

Thursday, March 3, 13:00-1700
Friday, March 4, 9:00-12:00
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International Conference Center Hiroshima

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Program (Outline)

1st Session [Quality Assurance in Undergraduate Education] 3 March (13:00 to 17:00)

13:00 Opening Remarks: Toshimasa ASAHARA (President, Hiroshima University)

13:10 Program Overview

13:15 Keynote Address
"Current Status and Issues in the Construction of Undergraduate Education"
Akira HIGUCHI (university reform promotion office director, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Technology)

"Building a Culture of Undergraduate Student Learning Assessment at the University of California, Berkeley"
Cynthia SCHRAGER (Assistant Vice Provost, Teaching, Learning, Academic Planning & Facilities, UC Berkeley)

My plan for the talk is to address how we are using both our Undergraduate Student Learning Initiative and our Academic Program Review process to focus more attention on using evidence to evaluate undergraduate student learning in the major. I will talk about some of our successes and challenges, as we move from a historic focus on research and graduate education in our academic program review process toward an approach that encompasses ensuring quality in the undergraduate educational program as well. I will also talk about the larger national context for this shift, including the regional accreditation process in the United States and an increased demand for transparency and accountability in higher education at the state and federal level. Cynthia

14:40 Case Report
"Construction of a New Generation Hiroshima University Program of Specified Education and Study"
Koichiro OZAWA (Chair, Committee on Undergraduate Education, Hiroshima University)

"Students' Intentional Academic Planning and Quality Assurance of Education at ICU"
Yasunori MORISHIMA (Director, Academic Planning Center, International Christian University)

15:55 Panel Discussion
<Panelists>
Cynthia SCHAGER, Koichiro OZAWA, Yasunori MORISHIMA

<Moderator>
Yasushi MARUYAMA (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education Hiroshima University)

<Commentators>
Kana YOSHIDA (Associate Professor, Center for the Promotion of Higher Education, Yamaguchi University)

Shuichi FURUSAWA (Vice Dean, Graduate School of Biosphere Science, Hiroshima University)

16:50 Closing Remarks
Masaki SAKAKOSHI (Vice President, Hiroshima University [Student Support and Attached School])
2nd Session [Innovation in the Contents of Undergraduate Education] (4 March, Friday, 09:00-12:00)

9:00 Host’s Remarks
9:05 Keynote Address
"Results and Problems in Undergraduate Education Reform in Hiroshima University"
Shin-ichi UYE (Hiroshima University Director, Executive and Vice President [Education])
"Developing a Graduation Requirement in the Core Undergraduate Curriculum: American Cultures at UC Berkeley"
Victoria ROBINSON (Coordinator for American Cultures, University of California Berkeley)

The American Cultures requirement is a Berkeley campus requirement, the one course that all undergraduate students at Cal (UC Berkeley) need to take and pass in order to graduate. The requirement was instituted in 1991 to introduce students to the diverse cultures of the United States through a comparative framework. Courses are offered in more than forty departments in many different disciplines at both the lower and upper division level.

10:25 Case Report
"Peace Education - New Challenges in Hiroshima University-
Noriyuki KAWANO (Chair of Peace Education Section in the Pursuit of Peace Commission, Hiroshima University)
"Environmental Education Program for Environmental Human Resource Development of MIE University Brand"
Hye-Sook PARK (Presidential Aide, Mie University [Environmental ISO Chair])

11:05 Panel Discussion
<Panelists>
Victoria ROBINSON, Noriyuki KAWANO, Hye-Sook PARK
<Moderator>
Tukasa DAIZEN (Professor, Research Institute for Higher Education, Hiroshima University)
<br>Commentators>
Yasunori MORISHIMA (Director of Academic Planning Center, International Christian University)
Fu Tao HUANG (Professor, Research Institute for Higher Education, Hiroshima University)
Yukimasa OHO (Chief of Evaluation and Improvement Division in Headquarters for Liberal Arts Education, Hiroshima University)

11:50 Closing Remarks
Shin-ichi UYE (Hiroshima University Director, Vice President [Education])
Welcome Reception
Join us in a reception dinner together with the speakers.

Date: 3 March (Thursday) 17:30～19:00
Place: International Conference Center Hiroshima Small Meeting Room ‘Ran’
Fee: 3,000 円 (meal costs)

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