Purposes of Establishment

Contribute to development of university education & increase cooperation by providing means of autonomous consultation & mediation on issues common to 4-year universities

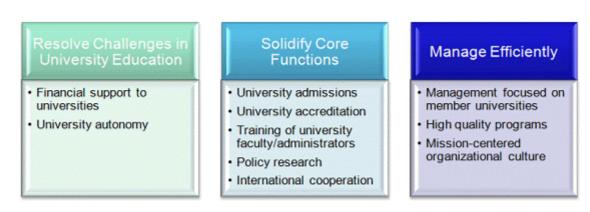
Support development of university education by increasing university autonomy, strengthening accountability, and making recommendations to gov. on quality improvements and ensuring reflection in policy

Mission & Strategic Objectives

Mission

We are a university association founded on autonomy, professionalism, informationsharing, and internationalism that contributes to universities' international competitiveness

Strategic Objectives



Priority Initiative 1: Revitalize University President Committees & Policy Proposals

Coordinate 3 standing, 7 ad hoc committees

Standing Committees:

- -Committee on University Admissions
- -Committee on University Accreditation
- -Committee on University Ethics

Ad Hoc Committees:

- -Committee on Promoting University Autonomy
- -Planning Committee on the Private Schools Act
- -Planning Committee on University Finances
- -Planning Committee on University Evaluation
- -Planning Committee on Professional Law Schools
- -Planning Committee on Internationalization
- -Committee on the Development of National/Public Universities
 - □ Revitalize policy proposal and research functions
 - Policy research centered on key issues and challenges
 - Ad hoc committees; university president associations (based on institutional control, institutional features, region)
 - Recommendations to and consultation with gov. & National Assembly on policies
 - □ Increase information sharing
 - Publication of policy/issue papers, HE books series, university-related statistics
 - o Distribution of Korean & English HE newsletters and media reports

Priority Initiative 2: Expand University Finances

- □ Secure stable legislative funding for HE
 - Promotion of initial legislation on financial support
 - Deliberation of strategy through Planning Committee on University
 Finances
 - Cooperation with member universities, academic community, gov.
 officials, and legislative organs
 - Pubic hearings, discussion forums to publicize need for legislation funding HE
 - o Promotion of law securing stable funding of ≈9 trillion KRW
- □ Diversify strategies to expand funding
 - Funding through tax system and relaxation of financial regulations
 - Encouragement to local gov. to expand HE investment
 - Relaxation of use limits on gov. funding
 - Updating of legal basis for funding of private universities

Priority Initiative 3: Promote Autonomy in University Admissions

- ☐ Establish admissions foundation & coordination responsibilities
 - Support for Committee on University Admissions to ensure fairness & professionalism in admissions
 - Increased communication and cooperation with city/provincial education superintendents and organizations
 - Promotion of policies for gradual admissions autonomy
 - Management of KCUE Office of Admissions Support to improve admissions professionalism
- ☐ Change admissions paradigm
 - Establishment of admissions officer system

- Financial support, training to increase officers' professionalism,
 on-site assessments and consulting
- Budget: 15.7 billion KRW ('08) ⇒ 23.6 billion KRW ('09)
- o Support for secondary student admissions counseling
 - University Admissions Information Center, Admissions Information Website, Teachers for Admissions Counseling, University Admissions Information Fair

Priority Initiative 4: Evaluate Universities to Promote Institutional Development

- □ Accredit institutions & support self-evaluations
 - o Accredit institutions
 - Development of accreditation system accounting for institutional characteristics
 - Accreditation meeting international standards; expanded use of assessment results
 - Elevation of KCUE as publicly recognized accreditor
 - Support university self-evaluations
 - Support for development of self-review systems
 - Training & consultation on self-evaluations
 - Research & monitoring of self-evaluations
- ☐ Implement university evaluations by business entities
 - Resolution of disparities between university education & industrial needs
 - Analysis of industrial needs regarding graduate skills
 - Improvement of curriculum through identification of industrial demands
 & information sharing
- o Consultation on improvement of curricula

Priority Initiative 5: Support HE Internationalization and Overseas Internships

- □ Expand channels of international cooperation
 - Promotion of member universities & support for efforts to attract foreign students
 - Establishment of networks with foreign/domestic organizations
 - Promotion of overseas internships & overseas service activities
 - Opportunities for unemployed graduates to develop practical skills & international awareness
 - Budget: 1.2 billion KRW (Global Internship program: 300 students)
 - o Support for WEST (Work, English Study, and Travel) program
 - Budget: 5 billion KRW (Korea-US work-study program: 560 students)
- Expand information-sharing initiatives
 - Provision of information on trends in domestic/overseas HE
 - Development of KCUE English website into information portal
- □ Verify academic credentials
 - o 2008 results: 11,019 domestic, 4,358 international applications processed
 - Development of operational guidelines & systematic management
 - Development of verification results database

The KCUE endeavors to accomplish its mission through the following eight key functions:

- Conduct research and host seminars to discover solutions to current issues in university education, encourage domestic & international inter-institutional cooperation and

information exchange, support the formation of effective education policies, and promote the development of South Korea's higher education system

- Conduct research to promote the development of sound university financial policies and fundraising initiatives
- Evaluate higher education institutions systematically to improve quality and enhance public trust
 - Execute projects commissioned by the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology
- Conduct research on university admissions processes to increase objectivity and public trust and provide support to universities, teachers, and students by offering detailed information on university admission systems
- Conduct research to promote the development of universities' curriculums and teaching methods and distribute research results
- Provide training to universities' faculty and staff to improve overall education quality and enhance competitiveness by augmenting their expertise and ability to cope with everchanging circumstances and demands for reform
- Execute other projects related to inter-university collaboration such as operating domestic exchange programs for university faculty, supporting business-academic exchanges, encouraging volunteer service activities for university students through the Korean University Council for Social Service (KUCSS), and promoting international cooperation and exchanges