

Governance and Management of Universities

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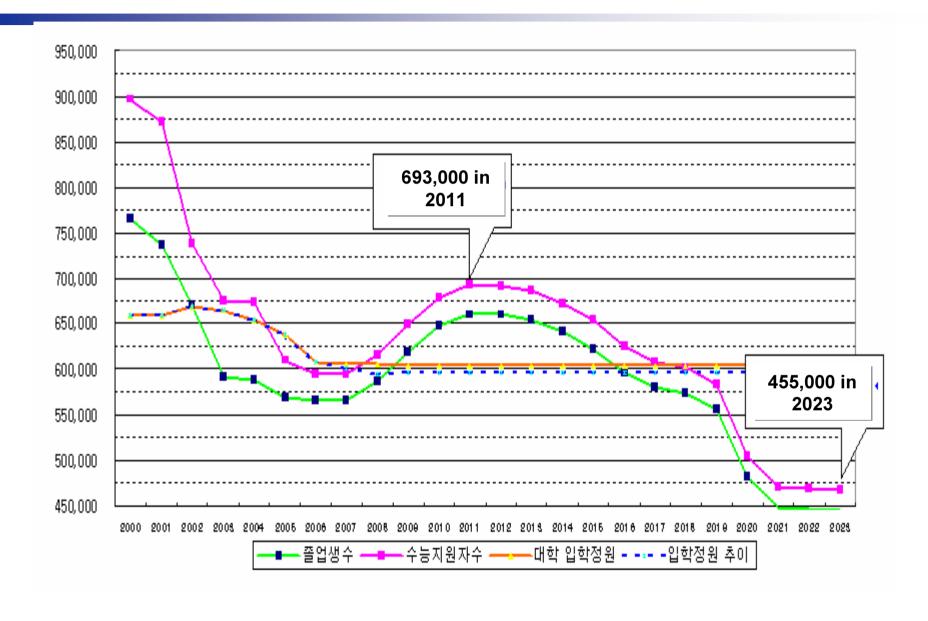




Environment Change in Korea

- Expect a decline in enrollment rate
 - ❖By 150,000 students in 15 years
- Declare to give more autonomy to universities
 - *80% of universities in Korea are private institutions
 - Tight control in the past
- Recession will persist in the near future
 - Difficult to fund-raise from industry
 - Not easy to raise tuition fees

Enrollment Decrease





President Lee's Policy

- Myong-Bak Lee says,
 - "University is also a company. It can be exited if it has no competitiveness."
- ◆ Exit criteria
 - Decision based on evaluation (e.g., student enrollment, financial health, and potentials)
 - Government support based on job placement
 - Select research-focused universities and give government subsidy

KU Governance Structure

- The existing structure
 - Board of trustees
 - The Management Board
- Observations
 - No senate system even though the Faculty Council exists
 - Strong voice from student and staff union bodies
 - The Board of trustees sets up its own mission and strategies and the university president implements them.

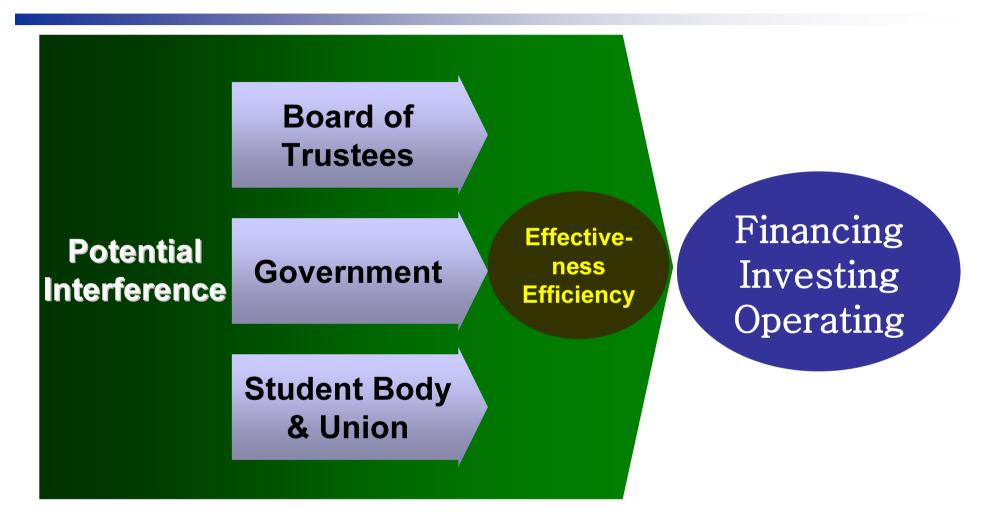


Autonomy Issues

- Must demonstrate compliance with respect to
 - specified industrial relations policies and
 - governance protocols regulating the composition and behavior of our governing body
- The operating grant takes the form of a contract
 - Must admit a specified number of students in defined disciplined areas with tight tolerance limits for over-enrolling and under-enrolling

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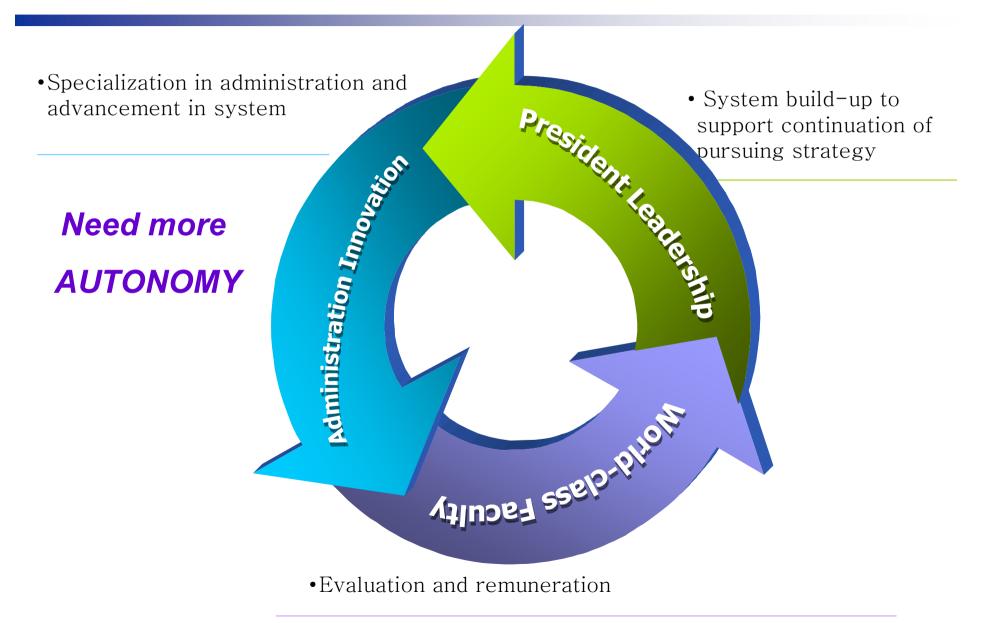
Interest Parties



More autonomy requires more voluntary monitoring

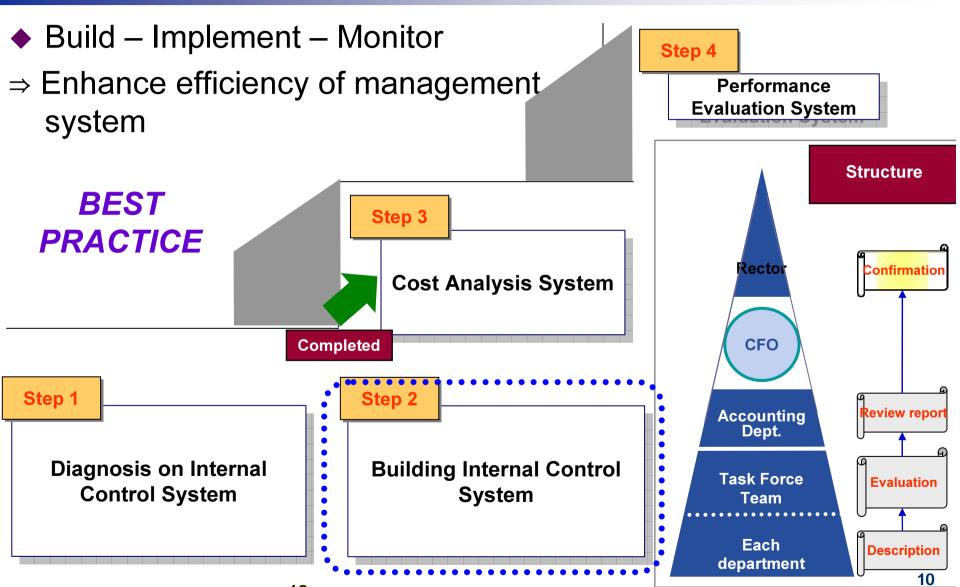


University Transformation



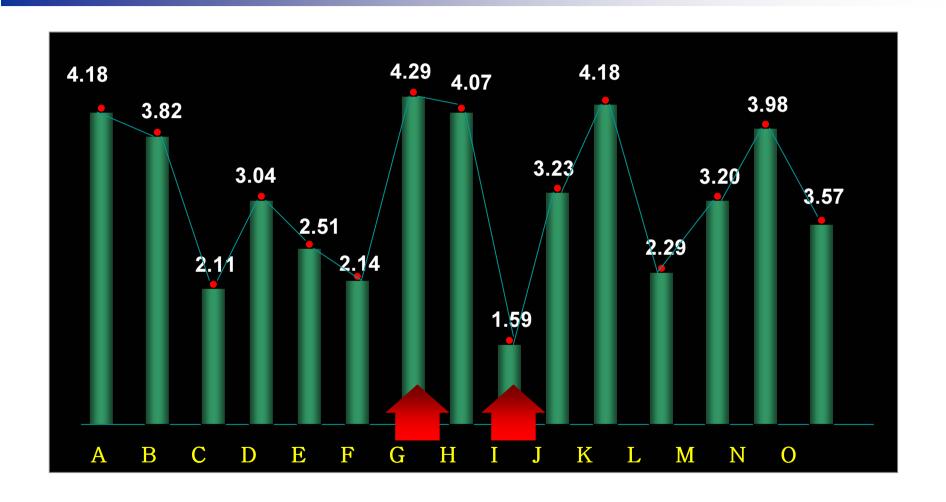


Internal Control over Financial Reporting





Example: Basis for Decision-making



Ratio of Revenues to education cost by school



Staff Training Programs

◆Purpose

Enhance staff specialization and capacity

◆ Programs

- *KU ABC (Administration, Business & Culture) program: similar to Advanced Management Program
- *KU Academy (Intensive, Winter/Summer)
- Benchmarking top-leading schools
- Outsourcing courses/lecturers/programs
- Financial support for degree programs

Recommendations

- The university should be responsible for operational matters
 - Key performance indicators allow the government and its Board to monitor the operation of the university
- It is the university's best interest to voluntarily adopt such key indicators
 - This allows the university to have an effective channel to communicate with the government and its board
- The university should be financially transparent and operationally efficient
 - The university should adopt the best practice for operation and innovation
- Internationally active and recognized





Life is
too short to be serious!