

WEERAPORN SOONKLANG : A STUDY OF THE DIRECTIONS OF GRADUATE  
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The purpose of this research is to study present state, problems,  
and directions of Graduate School, Khon Kaen University.

Results are as follows.

Administration and Policy: The administration by Graduate Committee  
is appropriate but too cumbersome. Committee members should be procedurally  
decreased. Authoritative roles indicate problems and issues in some areas  
where those concerned do not follow the Committee's decisions. Some operation  
-al control should be installed to ensure policy implementation and the  
Committee should consider only main issues.

Administrative Structure: Graduate School should still serve as  
the central agency and manage the instruction as at present.

Academic Affairs: There should be both Plan A and Plan B curricula,  
and more multidisciplinary and international curricula should be increased.  
More emphasis should be placed upon seminars, self-study and thesis.  
Evaluation system using 8 grades as used now is proper. Rules and regulations  
in curricular management should be flexible in some cases. Each program  
should admit students in number proportional to number of faculty members  
and facilities. Specific criteria should be adopted for academic standards.  
Special personnel should be assigned for Graduate Studies.

Administrative Services: Not enough personnel is reported. More  
personnel should be assigned and staff development is mandatory. There  
should be a special co-ordinator for international students. Graduate  
School should have its own suitable building. More public relations efforts  
are recommended. A survey leading to co-ordination improvement and reduction  
of overlapping tasks should be conducted.

Financial Management: Fees for credits should be collected according  
to actual credits registered. More budget should be allotted to departments.  
Graduate School should seek more funds from external organizations and finan-  
cial management planning should be made more prudently and more suitable, since  
the income is low.