

Analysis on Modernized Governance System and Capability of University Education

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The modernization of education governance is a significant component for promoting the national governance system and capacity. Moreover, the most direct carrier embodiment of education governance modernization is the modernization of university governance capacity. Furthermore, it is also one of the necessary requirements for reforming the field of education currently. To realize the modernization of the university governance system and capability, we must adhere to the leadership of the Communist Party of China, maintain the leadership system of university governance, adhere to the rule by law, promote the construction of the university governance system, adhere to the multi-faceted cooperation and improve the university governance structure system, adhere to the data governance, and promote the integration of university governance and technology.

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In the symposium speech for teachers and students at Peking University, General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out that when education prospers, the country will prosper, and when education is strong, the country will be strong. The high education system is a significant symbol of the development level and potential, and the education modernization is the basis for promoting socialist modernization (Xi, 2018). There is a strong emphasis in the report of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China that “we must give priority to education, accelerate the modernization of education, and ensure that education runs to the satisfaction of the people.” The 13th Five-Year Plan for the Development of National Education, which was published in 2017, for the first time explicitly outlined and stated in a separate chapter the need for improving the governance of education in a modern and effective manner. In 2018, the convening of the National Education Conference marked a new stage in the modernization of Chinese education, and this conference opened a new journey to accelerate the modernization of education. Undoubtedly, the modernization of university governance capacity is the most direct carrier embodiment of the modernization of education governance. Exploring the modernization of the university governance system and governance capacity in the context of governance modernization is a fundamental link for effectively practicing the modernization of educational governance, and it’s also an inevitable requirement to deepen the current reform in the field of education.

Adhere to Party’s Leadership and Maintain University Governance Leadership

Chinese colleges and universities are rooted in the system of socialism with Chinese characteristics. Moreover, they must adhere to the guidelines of operating schools according to the system of socialism with

Chinese characteristics. In order to promote the modernization of the university governance system and governance capacity, it is necessary to adhere to the Party's overall leadership over universities. Firstly, it is necessary to improve and perfect the president's responsibility system under the Party committee's leadership. The system of principal accountability under the leadership of the Party committee is the successful experience of the Communist Party of China in establishing higher education, which can not only embody the principle of democratic centralism but also meet the requirements of modern scientific management, division of labor and responsibility, and coordination and cooperation. Furthermore, the principal accountability system can concentrate on the direction, manage the overall situation, make decisions, strengthen the team, lead the team, and ensure implementation, and is conducive to promoting the further deepening of reform and development of colleges and universities. The party committee and the president have distinct powers and responsibilities; each performs its functions and assists the others. The party committee should do an excellent job in top-level design, and the principal should strengthen his intensity of enforcement and accept the leadership and supervision of the Party committee. It is improving the administrative decision-making system of the party committee and achieving the basic policy of governing the university by law, scientific decision-making, democratic management, and supervision by law. Secondly, we should reinforce the Party's foundations, make the political construction of the Party as the leader, and enhance the political ability through political construction as well. We must bolster our Four-sphere Confidence and ensure the Two Upholds. By comprehensively implementing the primary responsibility of the Party's foundations, it will be able to reflect the political influence of the Party organizations at all levels of the school and play its central role. Thirdly, it is indispensable to uphold the guiding position of Marxism in the ideological field, adhere to the Marxist discourse right of the propaganda front, and establish a mechanism for exporting positive energy from the political front. Building a favorable political ecology, improving the level of the party cadres, and strengthening the monitoring and supervision mechanisms of the Party should all be essential parts of our current process.

Adhere to Schools Governance According to Law and Promote Construction of Governance Systems

All university governance activities should be carried out under a particular institutional framework, and the modern university governance system is the integration and sum of a series of rules and regulations. Reinforcing institutional construction is the basis of insisting on the administration of schools according to law. It not only implements the comprehensive rule of law in the governance of colleges and universities to provide institutional support but also is the critical link to accelerate modern university governance through strengthening the consciousness of rule by law. In the first place, it is necessary that we must analyze and summarize the accomplishments of the existing achievements of system construction and learn from the advanced experience of the countries with progressive education systems and institutions, adapt to the development of the situation and the needs of the task construction, concentrate on the fundamental task of establishing virtue and cultivating people, strengthen the top-level design, combine the actual situation of the school and take the university charter as a guide, we must accelerate the construction of the institutional framework system of the modernization of the governance system and governance capacity of universities. In the second place, in accordance with the requirements of "streamline administration and delegate power, improve regulation, and upgrade services", implementing a people-centered philosophy and deepening comprehensive education reform, take the "abolition, establishment and reform" of system documents as the grasp, and combining "top-down" and "bottom-up" (Fang,

2020). It gradually forms a benign mechanism between the inheritance, reform, improvement, establishment, and implementation of the system, which promotes the effective operation of all work blocks and work processes of the university. To improve and perfect the rules and regulations in essential areas and significant links of the university, we should accelerate the formation of the institutional system for the governance of colleges and universities with Chinese characteristics. Lastly, we should encourage all teachers and students at the university to actively participate in the process to collect the wisdom of everyone and achieve the purpose of propaganda and education in the pooling of ideas. And we should take the rule of law as the basic concept and primary method of university governance, and it is important to integrate the rule of law work into the whole process and all aspects of schoolwork. We are cultivating the campus rule of law culture, centering on issues such as straightening relationships, optimizing resource allocation, and improving work productivity and efficiency in handling affairs. It is essential to coordinate the operation of administrative and academic power within the university and make them complement and support each other. It is the only way to promote the innovation of university governance models and promote democratization, the rule of law, and the scientific process of university governance.

Insist on Multi-disciplinary Collaboration to Establish Governance Structure System

In the structure of the higher education governance system, the government, universities, social institutions, or private organizations have formed a multifaceted synergistic mechanism with complementary advantages, resource sharing, and division of labor, which is the best way to maximize the use of resources and thus improve the energy efficiency of governance. In the multifaceted and collaborative mechanism, the role, effect, and function of government in the governance of higher education are significant. First, it is crucial to change the functions of the government. The role of government should be changed from an “athlete” to a “coach”, and the government should mainly play its role of macro guidance and leadership. The government should effectively integrate and coordinate the resources of higher education subjects and coordinate the management of the policy network to restrain the builders and integrators of the networked higher education governance system, so that a good situation can be formed that multiple subjects are self-supporting, educating people together, and sharing prosperity (Gao, 2017). Second, it is constructing a mechanism for decentralization and checks and balances in higher education. The power of higher education is divided, confirmed, delegated, and transferred among different sectors and subjects, so a mechanism of checks and balances and decentralization of power has been formed. This mechanism has advantages and disadvantages, the advantage is the checks and balances of power, and the disadvantage is the reduction of efficiency. To this end, it can be adjusted from the following three aspects: In the first place, it is required to do an excellent job in the scientific classification of higher education powers, and it is necessary to scientifically coordinate and rationally classify the personnel power, school-running power, and financial power of higher education scattered to different departments, and then carry out reasonable confirmation of power and separation of power. In the second place, it is necessary to match powers and positions, that is, according to the nature and type of higher education power, allocate to appropriate organizations or departments so as to standardize the order of higher education and ensure the adequate supply of higher education governance and services (Shi, 2018). Lastly, ensuring the effective operation of higher education authority is essential. The government should formulate various systems, strengthen supervision, and guarantee the power boundary of multiple governance subjects, such as government, universities, society, and the market, to achieve apparent power and responsibility and improve governance capacity.

Adhere to Data Governance and Promote Integration of University Governance and Technology

In a sense, the process of governance is to transmit, implement, and provide feedback on the governance information. The degree of information of governance data is mainly reflected in the degree of modernization of governance ability (Yu, 2000). Therefore, to comprehensively promote the reform of modernization of university governance ability, we must establish the thinking of informatization, strengthen the integration of governance and technology, and build an integrated system of data governance. We must give full play to the constructive role of the age of connected knowledge and information in the governance of schools by the law, democratic governance, and scientific governance. At present, the informatization construction of our colleges and universities has completed the construction of business module systems of each functional department, such as academic affairs, scientific research, personnel, and financial systems. Nevertheless, there are problems of scattered and isolated idleness, insufficient data standardization, low data quality, and poor data mobility in each information system, all of which profoundly affect the informatization level of university governance. To build an integrated system of data governance is to use modern information integration technology to collect-decompose-extract-apply-feedback-track-recapture governance data information from various departments and groups on and off campus, improve the quality of data management, strengthen the level of data mining and comprehensive application, and realize an efficient and multi-dimensional intelligent governance process (Yao, 2016). First of all, it is necessary to relate to the business needs of universities, standardize data compilation standards, and establish a meta-basic data system. Then, it is necessary to break down business barriers and strengthen the shared liquidity of data in different business domains from the global perspective of university development. Finally, it is necessary to establish the logical model and intelligent platform to strengthen the correlation application and visualization monitoring of data integration, form a “data ecological footprint”, and exert the maximum effect of data governance.

Conclusion

Accelerating the modernization of the governance system and governance capacity of colleges and universities is both a “stabilizer” and a “booster” for the reform and development of colleges and universities in the new era. General Secretary Xi Jinping pointed out: “Unique cultural traditions, unique historical destinies, and unique basic national conditions, which have doomed us to take a development path suitable for our characteristics.” (Xi, 2014). University governance must also “uphold fundamental principles and break new ground”. Only by adhering to the Party’s leadership, adhering to the rule of law, adhering to diversified coordination, and adhering to data governance can we achieve a comprehensive improvement of the governance system and governance capacity of colleges and universities, so as to improve the quality of running schools, run education to the satisfaction of the people, and make colleges and universities genuinely become the cradle of talent training and a model of reform and innovation.

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