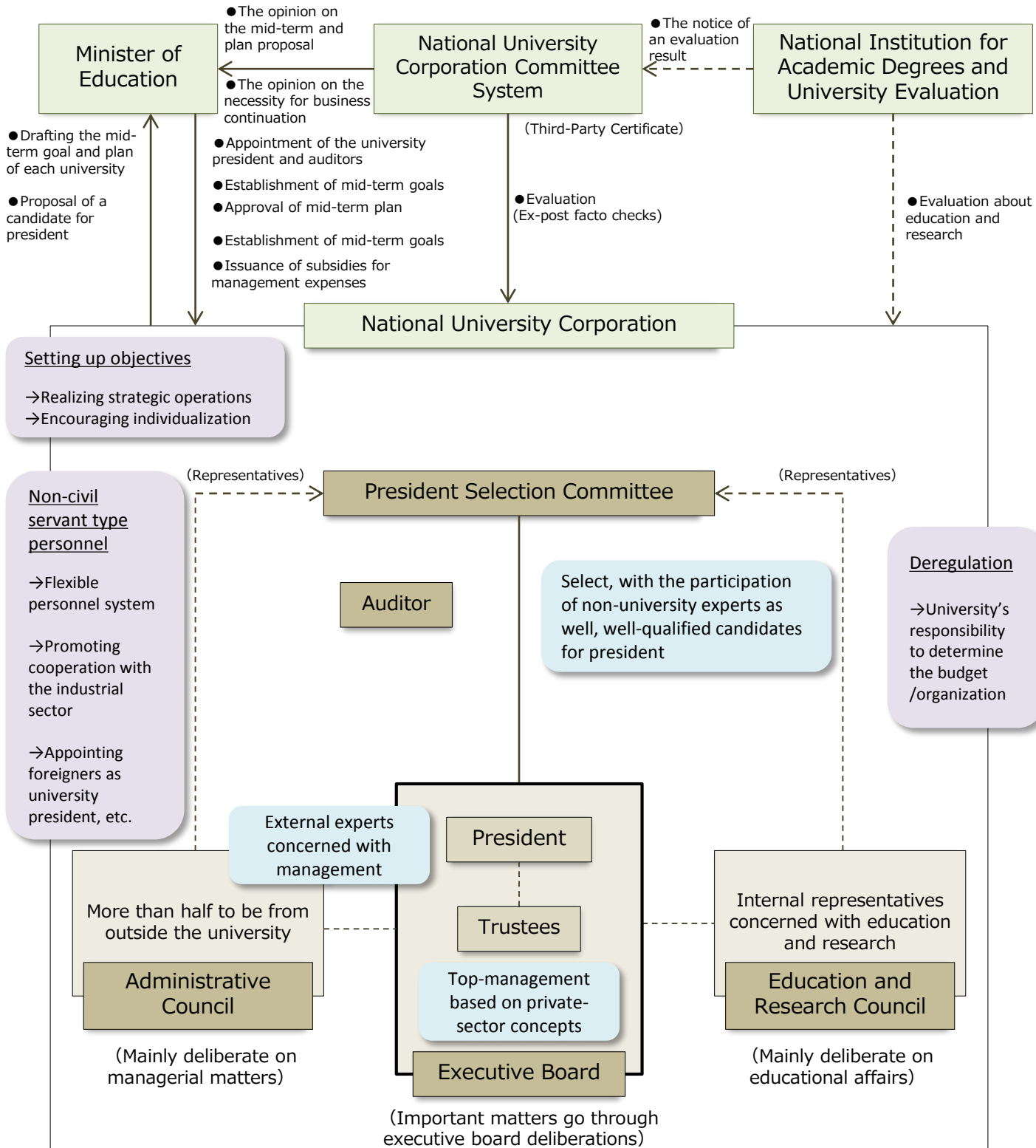


1. About national university corporations

National University Corporation System



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Transformation of national universities into national university corporations

Direction of Reform

- National universities positioned as state institutions for 130 years shall obtain the status as independent "national university corporations" to the following effects:
 - (1) Further vitalization of national universities in a self-supportive environment,
 - (2) Promotion of more positive initiatives toward excellent education and characteristic studies, and
 - (3) Realization of national universities with a wide variety of characters and attractiveness.

Reform Point

- (1) **Status of corporation for each university**
 - Friendly competition among universities is ensured for positive development of attractive education and research activities.
- (2) **Clarification of visions as a university**
 - Medium-term goals provided help respective universities clarify their philosophy and reform direction.
- (3) **Substantial expansion of discretion for universities**
 - Discretion given to universities is greatly expanded through introduction of non-public servant type faculty management and considerable deregulation of state rules and regulations.
- (4) **Establishment of a responsible management system**
 - Establishment of a management system led by the president through deployment of a board of directors including off-campus directors.
- (5) **Participation of off-campus well-informed personalities in management of the university**
 - Off-campus persons with wisdom and knowledge directly participate in management as directors or management council commissioners.
- (6) **Evaluation and all-out information disclosure**
 - Implementation of third party evaluation and thorough information disclosure help carry out accountability.