Research on the Construction and Optimization of Mid-term Evaluation Index System of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Higher Education

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Abstract: As China has embarked on a new journey of building a socialist modern country in an all-round way, the overall construction and planning of colleges and universities under the 14th Five-Year Plan has become an important task to promote the development of higher education in China. This paper discusses the mid-term evaluation index system of the 14th Five-Year Plan of Colleges and Universities and its role and significance, puts forward a scientific and reasonable method to construct and optimize the index system, and demonstrates the application process of the evaluation index system in the actual evaluation through case analysis, which provides guidance and reference for the scientific and standardized mid-term evaluation of the 14th Five-Year Plan of Colleges and Universities. In order to promote the sustainable development of higher education in China to provide some reference.

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#### Introduction

With the rapid development of society and the rise of knowledge economy, higher education plays an increasingly prominent<sup>[1]</sup>role in training talents, promoting scientific and technological innovation and promoting social progress. As an important guiding document for the development of higher education, the 14th Five-Year Plan for Higher Education in China has formulated clear development goals and action plans for higher education institutions. However, the implementation of the plan needs to be evaluated regularly to ensure the achievement of the objectives and the effectiveness of the plan. As an important part of the implementation of the 14th Five-Year Plan, the mid-term evaluation has the function of guiding and improving the implementation of the plan. By evaluating the actual achievement of planning objectives, problems can be found and solved in time, and planning strategies can be adjusted to adapt to the changing environment. However, the effectiveness and scientificity of the mid-term evaluation depends largely on the construction and optimization of the evaluation index system.

The construction of evaluation index system is the key link of the mid-term evaluation, which directly affects the comprehensiveness and accuracy of the evaluation. A scientific and reasonable index system should be able to fully reflect the actual situation of the planning objectives of colleges and universities, and provide feasible evaluation data<sup>[2]</sup>. Therefore, clear methods and principles are needed to select evaluation indicators and to collect and process data. At the same time, the construction of the index system should also take into account the specific development needs and actual situation of colleges and universities to ensure the reliability and practicability of the evaluation results. However, the traditional index system often has the problems of index redundancy and subjectivity of index selection, which lead to the inaccuracy and limitation of the evaluation results. Therefore, in the process of building the index system, optimization is a necessary step, which can help eliminate redundant indicators, improve the relevance between indicators, and ensure the objectivity and scientificity<sup>[3]</sup> of the evaluation results. By optimizing the index system, we can better reflect the actual situation of the implementation of the university planning, and provide

a scientific basis for the adjustment and improvement of the planning.

The purpose of this study is to explore the construction and optimization of the midterm evaluation index system of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities. Through systematic analysis and case study, this paper puts forward a set of scientific and reasonable index system construction methods and effective optimization methods, in order to promote the scientific, standardized and effective mid-term evaluation of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities, provide scientific evaluation guidance for the implementation of the plan, promote the sustainable development of higher education, and further enhance the quality and level of higher education in China.

#### 1. Overview of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities

As a strategic document for the development of higher education in China, the 14th Five-Year Plan for Higher Education aims to guide and promote the healthy development of the higher education system, adapt to the needs of national economic and social development, and improve the quality and level<sup>[4]</sup> of higher education. This section will give an overview of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities from three aspects: planning objectives and priorities, implementation principles and methods, and challenges and opportunities.

#### 1.1 Planning Objectives and Priorities

The 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities aims to fully implement the Party's educational policy, meet the needs of economic and social development, and promote the modernization of higher education. Its overall goal is to build a world-class higher education system and train high-quality talents with both ability and political integrity, innovative spirit and international competitiveness. In order to achieve this goal, the plan focuses on the following aspects.

First of all, we should strengthen personnel training. Colleges and universities will focus on training innovative and entrepreneurial talents and applied talents, improve the quality and adaptability of personnel training, and train more excellent talents with practical ability, innovative ability and international vision. Secondly, deepen the

reform of education and teaching. Colleges and universities will promote the reform of curriculum system, pay attention to interdisciplinary and integration, and improve the quality of teaching and students'comprehensive literacy. At the same time, we should strengthen the construction of educational informatization, promote the application of modern educational technology, and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of education and teaching. Thirdly, we should strengthen the construction of scientific research and innovation capacity. Colleges and universities will increase investment in scientific research, optimize the scientific research mechanism, and improve the level of scientific research and the ability to transform scientific and technological achievements. At the same time, we should encourage innovation and entrepreneurship, promote the industrialization and commercialization of scientific and technological achievements, and promote the deep integration of scientific and technological innovation with economic and social development. Finally, we should strengthen the reform of university management and system and mechanism. Universities will deepen the reform of management system, strengthen the construction of internal governance and internal and external evaluation mechanism, improve the operational efficiency and management level of universities, and at the same time, strengthen international exchanges and cooperation to enhance the international influence and competitiveness of universities.

#### 2. Implementation Principles and Methods

The implementation of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities will adhere to the following principles. First of all, adhere to people-oriented. The plan will be student-centered, focusing on the all-round development of students and the cultivation of their personality and expertise, and promoting educational equity and the balanced allocation of high-quality educational resources. Secondly, adhere to quality orientation. The plan will emphasize the improvement of the quality of education, establish and improve the quality assurance system, strengthen internal quality control and external evaluation, and promote the internal development of higher education. Thirdly, we should adhere to innovation drive. The plan will promote the deepening of

innovation and entrepreneurship education, cultivate innovative talents, strengthen the capacity building of scientific research and innovation, and promote the organic integration of scientific and technological innovation with economic and social development. Finally, we should adhere to open cooperation. The plan will encourage universities to strengthen international exchanges and cooperation, enhance their international influence, attract and train excellent international students and teachers, and promote the internationalization of higher education.

In terms of implementation methods, the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities will adopt various ways and means, including policy guidance, system and mechanism reform, capital investment, teaching staff construction, curriculum reform, scientific research platform construction, etc., to comprehensively promote the modernization of higher education.

#### 3. Challenges and Opportunities

The 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities is facing a series of challenges and opportunities. On the one hand, the development of higher education is facing many challenges, such as the transformation of personnel training mode, the urgent need for scientific and technological innovation, and the intensification of international competition. On the other hand, the wide application of the new generation of information technology, the promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship policies, and the expansion of international exchanges and cooperation have also brought new opportunities<sup>[5]</sup>for the development of higher education. Therefore, the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities needs to fully understand and respond to these challenges, seize the opportunity, improve the quality and level of higher education, and make greater contributions to the cultivation of more high-quality talents and the promotion of economic and social development in China.

# 4. Construction of Mid-term Evaluation Index System of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Higher Education

The mid-term evaluation of the 14th Five-Year Plan is an important link to ensure the

effectiveness of the implementation of the plan, and the construction of the evaluation index system is a key step in the mid-term evaluation, which directly affects the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the evaluation results.

#### 4.1 Selection and Determination of Evaluation Index

In the construction of the evaluation index system, the primary task is to clarify the objectives and contents of the evaluation. Through a comprehensive analysis of the current situation of higher education development and the objectives of planning, the evaluation dimensions and key areas<sup>[6]</sup> are determined. The evaluation dimension can cover teaching quality, scientific research innovation, personnel training, social services and other aspects, so as to fully reflect the actual achievement of the planning objectives of colleges and universities. Furthermore, specific evaluation indicators are determined according to each dimension to ensure the scientificity, operability and representativeness of the indicators. The selection of evaluation indicators should take into account the objectives of planning, the characteristics and actual needs of colleges and universities, aiming at providing a comprehensive evaluation of the development of colleges and universities.

When selecting evaluation indicators, you can refer to the following principles. First of all, the indicators should be consistent with the objectives and priorities of the 14th Five-Year Plan of Colleges and Universities, and can accurately reflect the development of colleges and universities. Secondly, indicators should be operational, that is, they can be measured and evaluated through data collection and processing. In addition, the indicators should be representative and cover all levels and aspects of the development of colleges and universities. Finally, the indicators should be comparable, so as to make horizontal and vertical comparisons and analyze the changes of colleges and universities in different time periods and at different levels.

#### 4.2 Data Collection and Processing

The construction of evaluation index system needs to fully rely on reliable data support.

Data collection can be achieved through a variety of channels, such as data systems

within the school, statistical data, questionnaires and so on. In the process of data collection, attention should be paid to the accuracy and reliability of data to avoid deviation and distortion of data. At the same time, the data are processed as necessary, such as data cleaning, data normalization, etc., to ensure the comparability and consistency of the data.

The methods and approaches of data collection can be determined according to the characteristics of different indicators. For example, for the evaluation of teaching quality, data such as the results of students' evaluation of teaching and the employment of graduates can be collected; for the evaluation of scientific research innovation, data such as the quantity and quality of scientific research projects and the transformation of scientific research achievements can be collected. At the same time, in order to ensure the reliability and comprehensiveness of the data, a combination of multiple data sources can be used, such as the comprehensive analysis of quantitative and qualitative data, as well as field research and expert interviews.

#### 4.3 Determination of Index Weight

In the construction of the evaluation index system, the weight distribution of the index is a key issue. Through expert consultation, expert evaluation and other methods, we can obtain professional knowledge and opinions, so as to determine the importance and weight ratio of different indicators. AHP, fuzzy comprehensive evaluation and other methods can be used to determine the index weight. The analytic hierarchy process (AHP) determines the relative importance of the indexes by constructing the hierarchical structure and comparing each other, and then obtains the weight. The fuzzy comprehensive evaluation considers the fuzzy relationship between the indexes, and determines the weight of the indexes by fuzzy comprehensive operation.

When determining the weight of indicators, we should take into account the objectives of planning, the development needs of universities and the opinions of experts. Through expert evaluation and statistical analysis, the importance of different indicators can be quantified, which provides a scientific basis for the comprehensive analysis of

evaluation indicators. In addition, with the passage of time and the progress of planning and implementation, the weights of indicators may need to be dynamically adjusted to adapt to the changes and needs of the development of colleges and universities.

#### 4.4 Comprehensive Evaluation of Index System

After the construction of the evaluation index system, it is necessary to carry out comprehensive evaluation. By summarizing and analyzing the data of each index, the results of comprehensive evaluation are calculated. Comprehensive evaluation can use different methods and models, such as weighted summation, analytic hierarchy process, fuzzy comprehensive evaluation and so on, to get the results of comprehensive evaluation by weighted synthesis of the data of each index.

Comprehensive evaluation results can be presented in quantitative or qualitative ways, such as scores, grades, rankings and so on. The effective communication of the evaluation results will provide a scientific basis for the adjustment and optimization of university planning. By analyzing the results of the comprehensive evaluation, we can find the advantages and disadvantages of the development of colleges and universities, and provide guidance for further improvement and optimization of planning and implementation.

Through the implementation of the above steps, a scientific and reasonable mid-term evaluation index system can be constructed. The index system will provide strong support for the evaluation and adjustment of the implementation of university planning, and promote the healthy development of higher education. In the process of construction, we should pay attention to the scientificity, operability and comparability of the indicators, and fully consider the characteristics and actual needs of colleges and universities to ensure the comprehensiveness and effectiveness of the evaluation index system.

## 5. Optimization of the Mid-term Evaluation Index System of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities

#### 5.1 Rationality Evaluation of Index System

After constructing the evaluation index system, it is necessary to evaluate its rationality in order to ensure the scientificity and effectiveness of the index system. The rationality evaluation mainly includes two aspects: one is the coverage of the index, that is, whether the evaluation index comprehensively covers all important areas and key elements of university planning; the other is the rationality of the index, that is, whether the evaluation index is scientific, operable, comparable and representative. Through the corresponding analysis and expert demonstration with the planning objectives, we can find the possible missing, duplicate or inaccurate indicators in the index system, and then adjust and optimize them.

#### 5.2 Correlation Analysis between Indicators

The correlation analysis between the evaluation indexes is one of the key steps in the optimization of the index system. The correlation between indicators may be positive, negative, or unrelated. Through in-depth analysis of the relevance between indicators, we can determine the interaction between indicators, and then optimize the index system. For example, if two indicators are found to have a strong positive correlation, they can be combined into a comprehensive indicator to reduce redundant information; if there is a negative correlation, they can be weighed and balanced to maintain the accuracy and objectivity of the evaluation results. Through correlation analysis, the index system can be more refined and accurate, and the reliability and scientificity of the evaluation results can be improved.

#### 5.3 Application of Optimization Method and Technology

In order to further optimize the mid-term evaluation index system of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities, a variety of optimization methods and techniques can be applied. It includes the application of data mining, machine learning, model optimization and other technologies. Data mining can help to find the potential association and regularity between indicators. Through the analysis and mining of large-scale data, we can find the new association or importance that may exist in the indicator system. Machine learning can improve the accuracy of evaluation results by

establishing models and algorithms to predict and optimize indicators. Model optimization can further improve the optimization effect of the index system through parameter adjustment and algorithm improvement. The application of these methods and techniques can strengthen the in-depth analysis and optimization of the index system, and provide a more scientific and accurate basis for the evaluation of the implementation of the plan.

#### 5.4 Analysis and Discussion of Optimization Results

The optimized mid-term evaluation index system of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities needs to be analyzed and discussed to verify the effectiveness of the optimization and provide suggestions for improvement. The analysis and discussion of the optimization results mainly include two aspects: one is the impact of the index system optimization on the evaluation results, through comparative analysis with the actual data, we can evaluate the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the evaluation results after the optimization of the index system; The second is the evaluation of the application of optimization methods and technologies, which comprehensively analyzes the applied methods and technologies, and discusses their advantages, limitations and feasibility in the optimization of the index system. By fully analyzing and discussing the optimization results, we can draw conclusions and put forward suggestions for improvement, which can provide guidance and support for further improving and optimizing the implementation of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities.

Through the implementation of the above optimization steps, the scientificity and reliability of the mid-term evaluation index system of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities can be effectively improved. The optimization of the index system will further enhance the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the evaluation results, and provide a scientific basis for the adjustment and improvement of the implementation of the plan. At the same time, the application of methods and technologies in the optimization process also provides the possibility and direction for the continuous optimization and innovation of the index system.

### 6. Case Analysis of the Application of the Mid-term Evaluation Index System of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities

This section will show the application process of the mid-term evaluation index system of the 14th Five-Year Plan of Colleges and Universities through a specific case. The case involves the evaluation practice of a comprehensive university. The purpose is to evaluate the development of the university during the 14th Five-Year Plan period, and to provide a scientific basis for the adjustment and optimization of the plan. This case will focus on the construction of evaluation index system, data collection and processing, index analysis and comprehensive evaluation.

#### **6.1 Construction of Evaluation Index System**

In this case, the construction of the evaluation index system starts from defining the evaluation objectives and determining the evaluation dimensions. According to the requirements of the 14th Five-Year Plan and the actual situation of the university, the four dimensions of teaching quality, scientific research innovation, personnel training and social services are determined as the focus of evaluation. For each dimension, specific evaluation indicators are selected, such as teaching quality evaluation indicators, quantity and quality indicators of scientific research projects, student employment rate indicators and so on. The selection of these indicators follows the principles of scientificity, operability and representativeness, so as to fully reflect the development of the university during the planning period.

#### **6.2 Data Collection and Processing**

In order to support the application and analysis of evaluation indicators, relevant data need to be collected and processed. In this case, data collection includes multiple channels such as data systems, statistics and questionnaires within the school. Through data collection, data on teaching quality, scientific research achievements and student employment were obtained. In the aspect of data processing, data cleaning, normalization and data statistics are carried out to ensure the accuracy, comparability and consistency of the data.

#### 6.3 Index Analysis and Comprehensive Evaluation

After the completion of data collection and processing, the index analysis and comprehensive evaluation are carried out to obtain the comprehensive evaluation results of the university during the 14th Five-Year Plan period. Through the analysis and calculation of the data of each index, the scores and comprehensive evaluation results of each dimension and index are obtained. At the same time, the weight and relative importance of each index are determined by using analytic hierarchy process and weighted comprehensive evaluation. Finally, through the comprehensive evaluation, the development level, advantages and disadvantages of the university during the 14th Five-Year Plan period are obtained, which provides a scientific basis for the adjustment and optimization of the plan.

#### 6.4 Result Analysis and Optimization Suggestions

According to the results of the comprehensive evaluation, the development of the university is analyzed in depth, and corresponding suggestions for improvement are put forward. In the analysis of the evaluation results, the outstanding performance of the university in teaching quality and scientific research innovation is highlighted, but some shortcomings in personnel training and social services are also found. Based on these findings, some suggestions are put forward to further improve the overall development level of the university, such as optimizing the evaluation mechanism of teaching quality, strengthening the management of scientific research projects, and optimizing the talent training plan.

Through the above case analysis, it clearly shows the application process of the midterm evaluation index system of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities. From the aspects of index system construction, data collection and processing, index analysis and comprehensive evaluation, this paper comprehensively presents the application value and role of the index system in the actual evaluation, which provides reference for the practical application of the mid-term evaluation index system of the 14th Five-Year Plan of Colleges and Universities, helps to improve the scientificity and accuracy of the evaluation, and promotes the optimization and improvement of the planning of colleges and universities.

#### 7. Conclusion

This paper focuses on the construction and optimization of the mid-term evaluation index system of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities. Through the comprehensive analysis of relevant theories and methods, this paper elaborates on the construction, optimization and application of the mid-term evaluation index system of the 14th Five-Year Plan for Colleges and Universities. Through the construction of evaluation index system, it can fully reflect the development of colleges and universities during the planning period, and provide a scientific basis for the adjustment and optimization of the planning. Data collection and processing ensure the accuracy and comparability of assessment data. The optimization of the index system improves the scientificity and effectiveness of the evaluation index system through rationality evaluation, correlation analysis between indicators and the application of optimization methods and technologies. Finally, the practical application process of the evaluation index system is demonstrated through the application case analysis, and the corresponding improvement suggestions are put forward according to the evaluation results.

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