Education, student affairs, and outreach in the new VPA

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The new VPA

- Provost Jan Hesthaven
  - Chief of staff Paul Sunderland
- Five associate vice presidents
  - Pierre Dillenbourg (Education)
  - Ambrogio Fasoli (Research)
  - Anna Fontcuberta I Morral (Centers and platforms)
  - Kathryn Hess Bellwald (Student affairs and outreach)
  - Luisa Lambertini (Postgraduate education)
Advantages

- Increased proximity between “Central” and the academic side of EPFL
- AVPs serve as bridges between
  - the Direction and central services
  - the Direction and institutes/sections/centers/students
  - central services and institutes/sections/centers/students
AVP SAO

Student affairs and outreach
Under the SAO umbrella

Deputy: Daniel Chuard

- Service de promotion des sciences (SPS): Farnaz Moser
- Cours Euler: Jérôme Scherer
- Service de promotion des études (SPE): Sabrina Rami
- Service aux étudiants (SAE): Nathalie Ritter
- Centre de langue: Simone Zaremba
- Student associations: Heidy Trail
- Centre de sports, Aumônerie (with UNIL)
- Centre carrière: Philippe Ory
Our mission

- Excellence “upstream”
  - Support and expand promotion of science to the general public

- Excellence at intake
  - Expand recruitment of highly motivated, highly promising students, particularly within Switzerland

- Excellence of the student experience
  - Ensure that EPFL campus is a safe and welcoming place for all students, offering a broad palette of activities and experiences outside of the classroom, and that tolerance and respect characterize the behavior of all.

- Excellence at departure
  - Ensure that EPFL students are very well prepared upon graduation to take on challenging and interesting jobs in industry or to continue with doctoral studies
A few goals for 2021

- Work with VPT (Gisou van der Goot) and PGE in building on already existing efforts to **fight discrimination and harassment** on the EPFL campus and during EPFL activities and to ensure the community is well informed about available support services and about how cases are handled.

- Work to **manage the COVID crisis** as well as possible for EPFL students.

- Expand **promotion and recruitment** efforts in German-speaking Switzerland.

- Develop and implement coherent strategy for **encouragement of excellence**.

- Improve **visibility and transparency** of the actions and services of SAO, especially within the EPFL community (“inreach”).

- Develop **effective communication channels** to students and faculty and within central services.

- Seek out and exploit **synergies** among the services of SAO and with EDU and PGE, as well as VPT.
• Rencontres avec directeurs de section, adjoints de section et vice-doyens de section
• Rencontres avec chaque équipe de l’AVP-E: SAC, CMS, LEARN, CAPE, CEDE.
• Rencontres avec AGEPOLY, délégués de classe et CCE
• Examens: règles, reports, miroirs, help desk… communication
• Coordination AVP SAO & PGE
• Mise en place structures & commissions
Next Semester?

1. Very Pessimistic
   - Campus lockdown

2. Pessimistic
   - Teaching online but labs on campus

3. Optimistic
   - Modulo 3
   - Modulo 3 + 1st year BA fully on campus

4. More Optimistic

5. Highly Optimistic
   - Constraint less

As in March
As in now
As in September
± as in 2019
Questions?