Procès-Verbal de la 327ème séance de l'Assemblée d'Ecole du mardi 08 mars 2022

Présences
Aleksandra Radenovic, Ens
André Fattet, CAT
Consuelo Antille, CAT
Fabio Zuliani, CI
Georg Fantner, Ens
Gianluca Paglia, CAT
Jacqueline Morard, CAT
Jan Frybes, E
Jeanne Estienne, E
Jennifer Ayer, E
Marco Picasso, Ens
Nicolò Ferrari, E
Kristin Becker, Déléguée des 2 AE au CEPF
Sabrina Wuilleret, Assistante administrative AE

Excusés
Pauline Franz, CI
Julien Gamerro, CI
Sandrine Gerber, Ens
Frédéric Rauss, Mediacom

Absents
Silvia Hostettler, CI

Ordre du jour

Membres AE; la séance débute à 12h15

- Accueil
- Adoption de l'ordre du jour
- Adoption du PV de la 326ème séance
- Discussion avec notre Déléguée au CEPF
- Communications du Bureau de l'AE
- Consultations
- Divers et propositions du jour

1. Accueil
Séance en présentiel (hybride Zoom) ouverte à 12h15 par Fabio Zuliani, Président de l'AE.

2. Adoption de l’ordre du jour
L’ordre du jour est adopté.
3. Adoption du PV 326ème séance
Le PV est adopté par l’ensemble des membres présents.

4. Discussion avec notre Déléguée au CEPF
No ETH Board meeting since December, next one on March 9 and 10.

Domain meeting February 9th

Ordinance professors
This revision is mainly about an adaptation to the OPers which came into force on 1/1/22. It was in consultation in summer 2021 and now comes to ETH Board for approval. It was acknowledged yesterday in the meeting of the two bureaus that the staff of the ETH Board made a big effort to include the remarks from the consultation, and they provided a clear summary of how things were taken into account.

Main problem from KB’s point of view: Article 6, remuneration for the use of the infrastructure in relation to an accessory activity, and article 21, reimbursement of expenses and other benefits (relocation, but also dual career): the Federal Office of Justice has refused that the ETH delegates the establishment of regulations to the institutions, which means that the ETH Board will have to issue the necessary regulations. This will have to be followed carefully.

Initially the article concerning retirement was very problematic (Art. 13 para. 4), it is now worded very broadly. “ETH shall determine the temporal and factual modalities of retirement at an early stage in consultation with the professors and shall submit any necessary applications to the ETH Board.” But according to the discussions of yesterday in the meeting of the two bureaus, the professors still think that the formulation is discriminatory and would like that article to state that women can stay until 65, but this is problematic because the ordinance has to follow the ETH Law which has a “can” formulation – KB will bring up the issue tomorrow.

Fatherhood has been included in Article 9 2bis (extension of time limits for assistant professors).

Vacation: Art. 23a, para.2 "Vacation shall be taken in the calendar year in which the entitlement arises." The following was added "If this is not possible for compelling operational reasons or due to illness or accident, the professor shall report the vacation credit to Human Resources and draw it in the following year.”

Strategy for the development of student and doctoral numbers.
KB said again that students should be involved as early as possible. According to Michael Hengartner, discussions should of course be held with VSETH and AGEPoly, but they will only receive the draft after the first reading in the ETH Board in May.

5. Communications du bureau AE
➢ Bureau members: on February 19, Nicolò Ferrari proposed to be replaced by Jeanne Estienne, which has been validated.
➢ Covid-19 operational committee: debriefing & feedback from the community.
  Suggestion: a member is asking for the current state of EPFL evacuation plan and the status of the bomb shelters on the campus. Fabio explains that it is a communal matter in Switzerland, EPFL has no responsibility.
➢ Meeting between Bureau and Tristan Maillard (General Secretary):
  -Discussion on access to information: AE made a formal request to have feedback on what Direction is doing. Example at EPFZ, the Hochschulversammlung has access to the minutes and agenda of the Direction.
  -Request to be part of the WG “Inclusive Governance” that Jan Hesthaven launched last Summer, as AE was not involved. Comment: Kristin Becker and Georg Fantner are part of it. The goal is to increase the participation at the Faculty councils / A member underline that scientific staff should be included too / the results of a survey organized by ENAC Faculty council can be shared with AE, for information.
- Suggestion from the members: EPFL Assembly should have the list of all existing WG at EPFL and be updated.

- Comment about a well-known problem: there is an existing “EPFL Commission du personnel” but EPFL CAT (Corps administrative & technique) is not represented by an association. There should be half of the employees required to be represented officially to create an association. EPFL Direction (General Secretary) and HR do not seem to be concerned or willing to find a solution for this shortcoming, despite our concern in the past years.

➢ Yearly common meeting with Zurich Assembly (Hochschulversammlung): 1 or 2 days to let informal time, TBD.

6. Consultations
Current consultations are the following:
➢ Consultation sur la "Directive sur l'évaluation de l'enseignement". (Deadline 31.05.2022).
➢ Consultation sur la création de Lex "Academic Strategic Committee. (Deadline 04.05.2022).
➢ Consultation sur la création de Lex "Règlement d'organisation des Centres de l'EPFL". (Deadline 04.05.2022).

  Comment: AE should rapidly inform Andrea Ostermann that the Academic Strategic Committee consultation is about to be launched, as there is an existing WG on Commission.
  Decision: Kristin Becker van Slooten will contact Jan Hesthaven.

7. Divers et propositions individuelles
➢ Rise of student number: Important number of French students: Direction is currently investigating ways to absorb the increase in the number of students which should happen in the upcoming years. AGEPoly is aware and will discuss with EPFL Provost in a month and then decide what could be done to inform the campus. Feedback to AE planned next month.
➢ Foodtruck: last tender: AE was not informed of the outcome which was not explained to the campus. The Commission decided that no one met the criteria. Decision is taken to re-tender. Who informs the community of this?
➢ Nutriscore’s meeting of Jan. 26 between AE - RESCO: mystery client: Jacqueline Morard didn't receive yet the invitation from Bruno Rossignol from RESCO asked if some members are interested to be a “mystery client” to test the restaurants and food trucks. The concerned people are waiting to get the invitation. Will the campus be informed about the opportunity to become a tester? A member will write to Bruno Rossignol.