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Procès-Verbal de la 333^{ème} séance de l'Assemblée d'Ecole du mardi 04 octobre 2022

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Excusés Evangelos Belias, CI
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Louis Bardel, E
Pamina Winkler, CI

Absents Maria Sivers, CI
Frédéric Rauss, Mediacom

Ordre du jour

Membres AE; la séance débute à 12h15

- Photo officielle
- Accueil
- Adoption de l'ordre du jour
- Début de la nouvelle législature
- Discussion avec notre Déléguée au CEPF
- Communications du Bureau de l'AE
- Consultations
- Divers et propositions du jour

Membres AE et Invitée (12.30-13.15)

- Echange avec Kristin Becker van Slooten, représentante des 2 AE au Conseil des EPF
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1. Photo officielle

2. Accueil

Séance en hybride ouverte à 12h30 par Aleksandra Radenovic, Présidente de l'AE.

3. Adoption de l'ordre du jour

L'ordre du jour est adopté.

4. Validation du PV de la 332^e séance

Le PV est adopté par l'ensemble des membres présents.

5. Présentation du Conseil des EPF suivi de la discussion avec notre Déléguée au CEPF

- 1) Présentation du Conseil des EPF et de sa fonction. Support de présentation annexé au présent PV.
- 2) Discussion des derniers sujets abordés par le CEPF :

Financing of additional climate protection measures

10 MCHF from the reserves of the ETH Board will be invested for additional climate protection measures. The WG Environment + Energy (Aurore Nembrini from EPFL) has selected 10 projects which have now been approved by the ETH Board. For EPFL these are two projects: Efficiency increase helium refrigeration system SULTAN at PSI (2.9 MCHF), and the extension of the Parc solaire EPFL (9'200 m² on roofs and on the Rivier parking, 700'000 CHF).

In this context, the electricity and gas crises were also discussed, which are of concern to the division. During the Covid lockdown, for example, EPFL only saved 30% electricity, so it will be hard to save 15% this winter. Of course, rising prices are also a concern, including for helium. All institutions have set up task forces or working groups to deal with this.

Retreat of the ETH Board (July 13 and 14)

Short ordinary meeting & discussions on different strategic topics, such as Strategic areas of the ETH Domain (presentation of Master plans) and Organization of the ETH Domain.

Joint Initiatives

The ETH Board has decided to fund 6 projects in the area of Energy, Climate and Environmental Sustainability and 3 projects in the area of Dialogue and Engagement with Society. The names of the projects are still not online, KB will keep the AE informed.

Procedural Advisory Service

The Women professor forum constituted of women professors of ETH and EPFL asked for a procedural advisory service, whom everybody could contact in case of doubts about the procedure are being followed in cases of scientific misconduct or inappropriate behavior. A working group was put into place, led by Denis Duboule from University of Geneva. This WG has two aims: looking at a possible harmonization of guidelines in cases of scientific misconduct and inappropriate behavior, and examining the proposal of WPF.

KB stated that the HVs support this proposal. After the meeting KB wrote an email in this sense to Denis Duboule who is leading the working group having the mandate to look at this proposal (Cc Carlotta Guiducci and Françoise Chardonnens, EPFL representatives in the working group) – she did not receive an answer. The working group will soon come up with advice and/or recommendations.

Professorship Ordinance

The Finance Delegation of the Parliament, composed of members of the Finance Commissions of the National Council and the Council of States, expects that the implementing regulations on additional benefits for recruiting professors will be submitted to the Department for comment via the ETH Board. This concerns pension fund, language courses, dual career, etc. The entire ETH Board has expressed itself very critically, since this is part of the autonomy of the institutions. It has decided that the implementing regulations will be submitted to the FinDel, but the ETH Board will not accept if the FinDel expresses itself against the regulations.

Domain meeting of August

Discussion with social partners about salary increase and compensation of inflation (estimated at 2.5 %) – the ETH Domain will try to compensate as much as possible. Difficult situation as the operations costs increase heavily, linked to the increase of energy costs.

Luc Python (APC) mentioned that there is the impression that there are more and more CDD's at EPFL, Martin Vetterli said he would look into it. A fairly recent analysis (few years ago) done by HR showed no increase, or even a slight decrease.

Discussion about continuous education and proposal to use 0.8 % of the salary mass ETH Domain wide for continuous education – this proposal was accepted.

Strategy for CO2 compensation

Complex issue. To reach the goals set by the Confederation, the ETH Domain has to follow the Office of environment, who proposes compensation at a price which does not allow a compensation in Switzerland. EPFL prefers putting into place “smarter” measures but which cannot necessarily be considered for the reduction asked for by the confederation, an EPFL strategy is in preparation.

6. Communications du bureau AE

- Outstanding Commitment Award: during the graduation day “Magistrale” on October 1st, prize was awarded to Eric Du Pasquier - Director of de department of Security, Safety and Facilities Operations - for his extraordinary involvement for the EPFL community in the management of the Covid crisis and much more.
- Article about EPFL Assembly: in Open Campus #31 - EPFL Newsletter from Direction dated September 5, introduction of President A. Radenovic and her vision for the School Assembly.
Link : <https://actu.epfl.ch/news/sometimes-divergent-voices-are-the-most-valuable-o/>
- Information/Discussion on
 - Energetic crisis: Sandrine is a member of OSTRAL (operational management committee) & Aleksandra took part of Faculty meeting with Provost on Sept. 27:
Financial evolution – impact – EPFL has secured a contract for electricity for 23-24 – Reduction of consumption (federal building at 20 degrees, reduce lights without compromising security, switch to videoconference instead of travelling) – Improvement of infrastructure – Production of our energy – Discussions between Direction and Deans to identity options – Discussions between VPF and Deans to settle on global budgets – Deans to develop and implement plans with institutes – Townhall will be called soon, supplemented with local faculty meetings – Discussion to prepare a plan/directive in case of quota reduction consumption – Requirement of the Confederation to think about a complete shutdown at Christmas.
 - Commission de restauration: Aleksandra is a member. An extraordinary meeting took place on increase in the price of the material. It was finalized by a votation to increase food prices at EPFL (2 abstentions due to the lack of transparency and the logic used in relation to the data provided and consequently the calculation of the prices). Following this meeting, EPFL Direction has validated the increase in menu prices.
 - Coupole-Esplanade Project – an AE member in the Collège d'Experts: in November the VPO will launch a call for tenders for a mandate of parallel studies. The project being central for the EPFL, a college of experts as representative as possible is wished to evaluate the candidatures which will arrive and to follow the work of the mandatories. AE is therefore asked to propose a person who can be part of this college of experts (from intermediate or admin&technic bodies preferably as teaching and student bodies are already represented).

Note après séance : nomination le 14.10.22 d'Evangelos Belias (CI). Maria Sivers (CI) remplaçante si nécessaire.

- Faculty council trainee: Aleksandra contacted each faculty council to meet them this autumn in order to introduce the mission, explain the participation process to new members, and reflect on past and future collaborations.
- Common annual meeting between HV and AE (2 School Assemblies) : will take place at EPFL on Nov. 8. The program and topics will be finalized on Oct. 14. Invited guest: Michael Käppli (Executive Director of ETH Board).

- 2023 Dialogue meeting: planned on 21.06.2023 for EPFL. HV and AE have to define a transversal theme + invited persons (deadline Nov 9th).

7. Consultations

- A venir en novembre: Reprise de la consultation "Règlement d'organisation du Comité stratégique académique de l'EPFL »

8. Divers et propositions individuelles

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