

The Direction of the École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne

based on Article 3 para. 1 letter a of the Ordonnance du Conseil des EPF sur les écoles polytechniques fédérales de Zurich et de Lausanne

based on Art. 4, para. 1 letter a of the Ordinance on the Organisation of the Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne

hereby adopts the following:

Section 1 General provisions

Article 1 Mission

The Academic Strategic Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") is an advisory body of the Vice-presidency for Academic Affairs. It is responsible for advising the Vice-president and the EPFL Direction on academic matters related to the main missions of EPFL. Its members bring their personal visions and skills, which are necessary for a systemic and collective approach to the topics raised.

Section 2 Organisation of the Committee

Article 2 Members

1. The Committee is composed of 19 members, who ensure a broad representation of the academic programs.
2. The composition of the Committee is as follows
 - the Associate Vice-president for research, as the Chair
 - six members (one per Faculty and one for the two Colleges) proposed by the Councils of the Faculties/Colleges, either on the basis of elections organised by the Schools and Colleges, or by co-option
 - six members (one per Faculty and one for the two Colleges) proposed by the Deans and Directors of the Colleges
 - six members proposed by the EPFL Direction, which may appoint one of them to serve as Co-Chair of the Committee
3. All members are full professors, associate professors, tenure-track assistant professors or adjunct professors whose combined competencies cover the range of academic fields practiced at EPFL.

Article 3 Appointments

1. The composition of the Committee is formally approved by the EPFL Direction for a renewable period of four (4) years.
2. The members of the Committee are appointed *ad personam* and do not represent the interests of any specific unit or constituted body.

Article 4 Organisation of work

1. The staff of the Associate Vice-presidency for Research acts as secretariat for the Committee and provides the Committee with the human resources necessary to support its activities.

2. The Committee shall meet regularly, in principle once every three (3) months, at the invitation of its Chair, in consultation, where applicable, with the Co-Chair.
3. The Chair of the Committee, in consultation, where applicable, with the Co-Chair, may invite to the meetings any person who can provide specific expertise on the matters dealt with. The Vice-president for Academic Affairs shall be invited regularly to present the items on which he or she expects recommendations from the Committee and/or to be informed directly of the Committee's conclusions.
4. The Committee meets periodically (at least twice a year) with the EPFL Direction and at the latter's specific request.
5. The members of the Committee have equal voting rights. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Committee has the casting vote; in the absence of the Chair of the Committee, where applicable, the Co-Chair has the casting vote.
6. The recommendations of the Committee shall be approved by a majority of its members, provided that at least half plus one member, and the Chair of the Committee or, where applicable, the Co-Chair of the Committee take part in the vote. In urgent cases, recommendations may be approved by circular proceedings.
7. The Committee may form *ad hoc* working groups of experts to support it on particular matters, as needed.
8. Confidentiality can be requested on the part of the members of the Committee for particularly sensitive topics.

Section 3 Tasks of the Committee

Article 5 Mandate

1. The Committee addresses specific requests from the EPFL Direction and the Vice-president for Academic Affairs and the Vice-president for Support to Strategic Initiatives. Its mission is to provide input for decisions on core academic matters, such as (but not limited to):
 - definition of strategic priorities,
 - new education initiatives (e.g. new Masters or PhD programs),
 - academic activities that aim at promoting innovation and technology transfer,
 - development of large-scale infrastructure, either with internal resources or in response to external calls,
 - investments to acquire, or upgrade/refurbish scientific equipment,
 - participation in major national or international collaboration initiatives,
 - initiatives to further develop the EPFL scientific community, foster campus-based exchanges and interdisciplinarity,
 - initiatives to facilitate a tighter coupling between education and research.
2. *As the above list is not exhaustive, the Committee may be called upon to give its opinion on any other subject submitted by the EPFL Direction and the Vice-presidency for Academic Affairs and the Vice-presidency for Support to Strategic Initiatives.*

Section 4 Final provisions

Article 6 Promulgation

These Regulations entered into force on 1 January 2023 (version 1.0) and were revised on 1 July 2025 (version 1.2).

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