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## **Ordinance Governing the Organisation of ETH Zurich (ETH Zurich Organisation Ordinance) dated 16 December 2003**

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# Ordinance Governing the Organisation of ETH Zurich

## (ETH Zurich Organisation Ordinance)

dated 16 December 2003 (latest version: 1 September 2022)

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*The Executive Board of ETH Zurich,*

pursuant to Article 3(1)(a) of the *Verordnung über die Eidgenössischen Technischen Hochschulen Zürich und Lausanne* (Ordinance Governing the Organisation of ETH Zurich and EPFL; no English version available) dated 13 November 2003<sup>1</sup>,

*hereby adopts the following Ordinance:*

### Chapter 1: General provisions

#### Art. 1 Subject matter

This Ordinance defines the organisational structure of ETH Zurich and the duties of the Executive Board and academic departments.

#### Art. 2 Seat

ETH Zurich has its seat in Zurich.

### Chapter 2: University management and administration

#### Section 1: Executive Board

##### Subsection 1: Composition and duties

#### Art. 3 Composition of the Executive Board

<sup>1</sup> The Executive Board is composed of:

- a. the President;
- b. the Rector (Vice President for Education);
- c. the Vice President for Research<sup>2</sup>;
- d. the Vice President for Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations<sup>3</sup>;
- e. the Vice President for Finance and Controlling<sup>4</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> SR 414.110.37, RSETHZ 120.1 (SR = Systematische Sammlung des Bundesrechts (Classified Compilation of Federal Legislation). This is available online at <http://www.admin.ch/ch/d/sr/sr.html>. RSETHZ = ETH Zurich Legal Collection. This is available online at <http://www.rechtssammlung.ethz.ch>.)

<sup>2</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>3</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>4</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

- f. the Vice President for Infrastructure<sup>5</sup>;
- g. the Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>1bis</sup> The Secretary General is assigned to the Executive Board and shall have the responsibilities of a general staff unit<sup>7</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The President shall, upon application by the professors, submit a request to the ETH Board for the appointment of the Rector. He/she must be chosen from the ranks of full professors.

<sup>2bis</sup> The Vice Presidents shall have the qualifications necessary to carry out their offices and the majority of them shall come from the ranks of full professors<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> The Rector deputises for the President. The Executive Board shall adopt rules of procedure defining other deputy positions.

#### **Art. 4** Duties of the Executive Board and reporting lines

<sup>1</sup> The Executive Board is responsible for:

- a. adopting rules and regulations on study programmes and the university's continuing education programme
- b. adopting the General House Rules;
- c. adopting acceptable use policies;
- d. laying down rules of procedure;
- e. making decisions on setting up, naming and closing down academic departments and other units following consultation with the units affected;
- f. making decisions on setting up and imposing time limits on centres of excellence<sup>9</sup>;
- g. general quality assurance<sup>10</sup>;
- h. appointing Vice Rectors and Delegates with special duties at the request of the Executive Board member with the relevant managerial responsibilities;
- i. appointing Ombudspersons;
- k. making decisions relating to ETH Zurich staff in the capacity of employer;
- l. appointing Honorary Councillors for ETH Zurich<sup>11</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The Executive Board shall cooperate with the participation committees and, in particular, engage in dialogue with the University Assembly at regular intervals.

<sup>3</sup> The academic departments shall report to the Executive Board.

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<sup>5</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>6</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>7</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>8</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>9</sup> Cf. *Richtlinien für Kompetenzzentren der ETH Zürich* (Guidelines for ETH Zurich Centres of Excellence; no English version available) dated 15 April 2003 (RSETHZ 419)

<sup>10</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>11</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 16 March 2005, in effect since 1 April 2005

**Subsection 2: President****Art. 5** Overall responsibilities, strategy<sup>12</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The President bears the legal and political responsibility for the university and is accountable to the ETH Board for its management. He/she shall chair the Executive Board and coordinate its activities. The other members of the Executive Board shall report to the President.

<sup>2</sup> In consultation with other members of the Executive Board, he/she is responsible for defining strategy on the basis of:

- a. the strategic plan for the ETH Domain<sup>13</sup>;
- b. the outcome of the strategy-making process<sup>14</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> He/she may delegate the implementation of the tasks assigned to him/her within the framework of the overriding legal provisions. Delegation includes the authority to issue instructions to organisational units and members of ETH Zurich in his/her area of responsibility and the development of functional strategies<sup>15</sup>.

**Art. 6** Budget, financial responsibilities

<sup>1</sup> The President is responsible for determining the budget and allocating funds as follows:

- a. to the Executive Board domains for basic financing purposes and to finance projects;
- b. to the academic departments for basic financing purposes. These funds form part of an annual agreement between the President and the academic departments.

<sup>2</sup> He/she is responsible for defining financial competences in relation to the university as a whole<sup>16</sup>.

**Art. 7** Appointment and resignation of professors<sup>17</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The President is in charge of the appointment procedure for professors, as well as supplying the necessary resources and assigning professors to academic departments. Resources shall be allocated to professorships in consultation with the departments<sup>18</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> He/she is responsible for undertaking preparatory work in respect of:

- a. the reappointment of assistant professors;
- b. the appointment of assistant professors to associate or full professorships. The necessary evaluations shall be undertaken by the Tenure Committee established by the President;
- c. the promotion of associate professors to full professorships;
- d. the award of the title of professor<sup>19</sup>;

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<sup>12</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>13</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>14</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>15</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>16</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>17</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>18</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>19</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

- e. the resignation of professors; he/she shall work with the academic department to ensure that the relevant resources are withdrawn in accordance with Article 104 ff. of the ETH Zurich Financial Regulations<sup>20</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> He/she is responsible for assessing the performance of associate and full professors at regular intervals in consultation with the academic departments<sup>21</sup>.

<sup>3bis</sup> He/she is responsible for implementing the human resources policy with respect to professors<sup>22</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> *repealed*<sup>23</sup>

## Art. 8 Other responsibilities<sup>24</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The President is also responsible for:

- a. representing ETH Zurich in dealings with other universities, the authorities, political bodies and the general public<sup>25</sup>;
- a.<sup>bis</sup> managing the process of internationalisation, including international positioning, marketing, exploiting resources, building strategic alliances and managing networks<sup>26</sup>;
- a.<sup>ter</sup> managing the strategy process and, more specifically, the strategic planning process
  - formulating strategy based on development initiatives by the academic departments and Executive Board domains,
  - drawing up development plans in line with strategy and on the basis of departmental plans,
  - verifying underlying assumptions and monitoring implementation of development plans<sup>27</sup>;
- a.<sup>quater</sup> *repealed*<sup>28</sup>
- a.<sup>quinquies</sup> representing the Executive Board on university planning committees<sup>29</sup>;
- a.<sup>sexies</sup> ensuring equal opportunities<sup>30</sup>;
- a.<sup>septies</sup> promoting and integrating activities relating to sustainable development<sup>31</sup>;
- b. information policy;
- c. fundraising and alumni relations<sup>32</sup>;
- d. appointing Heads of Department and Deputy Heads of Department at the request of the Department Conferences;
- e. risk management<sup>33</sup>;

<sup>20</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>21</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>22</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>23</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>24</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>25</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>26</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>27</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>28</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>29</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>30</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>31</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>32</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>33</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

- f. laying down rules and procedures for determining who is allowed or denied access to premises.

<sup>2</sup> The President is responsible for any items of business that are not specifically assigned to the Executive Board or one its members.

### **Subsection 3: Additional members of the Executive Board**

#### **Art. 9** Rector<sup>34</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Rector is responsible for managing the Executive Board domain of education (Rectorate)<sup>35</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> He/she has the authority to issue the relevant instructions.

<sup>3</sup> *repealed*<sup>36</sup>

<sup>4</sup> He/she is specifically responsible for:

- a. quality assurance in the area of teaching;
- b. the recruitment and the admission of students at all levels<sup>37</sup>;
- c. the organisation and management of study-related matters, including the examination system;
- d. approving further education courses;
- e. the award of grants;
- f. *repealed*<sup>38</sup>
- g. conferring the *venia legendi* (permission to teach) and teaching assignments;
- h. issuing invitations to visiting professors, visiting lecturers and other visiting academics and for their remuneration;
- i. cooperating with secondary schools<sup>39</sup>;
- j. agreements regarding joint degree programmes and student exchanges<sup>40</sup>.
- k. maintaining and publishing the register of academic titles awarded by ETH Zurich at all levels (title register).

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<sup>34</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>35</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>36</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>37</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>38</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>39</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>40</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

**Art. 10** Vice President for Research<sup>41</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Vice President for Research is responsible for managing the Executive Board domain of Research.

<sup>2</sup> He/she has the authority to issue the relevant instructions.

- a. *repealed*
- b. *repealed*<sup>42</sup>

<sup>3</sup> *repealed*<sup>43</sup>

<sup>4</sup> He/she is specifically responsible for:

- a. strategic management and promotion of research;
- b. quality assurance in the area of research;
- c. *repealed*
- d. internal research promotion and the promotion of research through third-party funding, including approval of related contracts;
- e. *repealed*
- f. representing the Executive Board on research policy committees;
- e. *repealed*<sup>44</sup>
- f. *repealed*<sup>45</sup>
- g. *repealed*<sup>46</sup>
- h. *repealed*<sup>47</sup>
- i. *repealed*<sup>48</sup>
- j. periodic evaluations of the academic departments in consultation with the Rector;
- k. research ethics (research on and with humans, animal experiments) and good scientific practice.

**Art. 10a** Vice President for Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations<sup>49</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Vice President for Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations is responsible for managing the Executive Board domain of Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations.

<sup>2</sup> He/she has the authority to issue the relevant instructions.

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<sup>41</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>42</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>43</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>44</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>45</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>46</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>47</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>48</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>49</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020



<sup>3</sup> He/she is specifically responsible for:

- a. strategic management and promotion of relationships between ETH Zurich and knowledge transfer partners;
- b. quality assurance in the areas of knowledge transfer and corporate relations;
- c. the valorisation of research results and partnerships with industry;
- d. the transfer of knowledge to/from politics and society;
- e. the approval of contracts that units of ETH Zurich conclude with third parties and which primarily serve the implementation of research results and cooperation with industry;
- f. the support of spin-offs and the promotion of future company founders;
- g. participation in external committees in the areas of innovation and business development;
- h. making decisions in accordance with Article 7(2) of the *Verordnung des ETH-Rats über die Immaterialgüter im ETH-Bereich* (ETH Board Ordinance governing intellectual property within the ETH Domain; no English version available)<sup>50</sup> (profit sharing) and Article 6(2) of the *Weisungen des ETH-Rates über die Beteiligung an Unternehmungen im ETH-Bereich* (ETH Board Directive on participation in companies in the ETH Domain; no English version available)<sup>51</sup>.

## Art. 11

*repealed*<sup>52</sup>

### Art. 11a Vice President for Finance and Controlling<sup>53</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Vice President for Finance and Controlling is responsible for managing the Finance and Controlling Executive Board domain in the capacity of Chief Financial Officer.

<sup>2</sup> He/she has the authority to issue the relevant instructions.

<sup>3</sup> He/she is specifically responsible for:

- a. financial strategy, the rolling medium-term financial planning and the budgeting process;
- b. financial management;
- c. treasury;
- d. reporting and controlling;
- e. risk management (implementation).
- f. purchasing coordination and the materials group management process<sup>54</sup>;
- g. the digitalisation of administrative processes in consultation with the other Executive Board domains<sup>55</sup>.

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<sup>50</sup> SR 414.172

<sup>51</sup> RSETHZ 440

<sup>52</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>53</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>54</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>55</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

**Art. 11b** Vice President for Infrastructure<sup>56</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Vice President for Infrastructure is responsible for managing the Infrastructure Executive Board domain in the capacity of Chief Operating Officer.

<sup>2</sup> He/she has the authority to issue the relevant instructions.

<sup>3</sup> He/she is specifically responsible for:

- a. *repealed*
- b. managing construction projects, including liaising with the authorities and political bodies, and developing and managing the real estate portfolio;
- c. building management;
- d. workplace safety and environmental protection (including the appointment of officers)<sup>57</sup>;
- e. ICT management;
- f. knowledge resource management (library, collections, archives);
- g. logistics, campus mobility and event management.

<sup>4</sup> He/she is responsible for allocating space for teaching, research and administration purposes. Responsibility for allocating space within the departments may be assigned to the departments by agreement.

**Art. 11c** Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership<sup>58</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership is responsible for managing the Executive Board domain of Personnel Development and Leadership.

<sup>2</sup> He/she has the authority to issue the relevant instructions.

<sup>3</sup> He/she is specifically responsible for:

- a. implementing human resources policy for technical, administrative and scientific staff (excluding full, associate and assistant professors)
- b. supporting the President in implementing human resources policy for professors;
- c. personnel management and development as defined in Articles 6 to 9 of the *Personalverordnung ETH-Bereich (PersO-ETH)* (Personnel Ordinance for the ETH Domain; no English version available)<sup>59</sup> for all members of staff;
- d. implementing and ensuring compliance with the provisions of human resources law;
- e. implementing equal opportunities as defined in Article 10 of PersO-ETH and promoting diversity among ETH members;
- f. staff support in the academic departments and the central administrative units and support for staff recruitment;
- g. vocational education and training.

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<sup>56</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>57</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>58</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>59</sup> SR 172.220.113

**Section 2: Vice Rectors, Delegates with special duties, Ombudsperson(s)****Art. 12**

*repealed*<sup>60</sup>

**Art. 12a**

*repealed*<sup>61</sup>

**Art. 13** Vice Rectors

<sup>1</sup> Vice Rectors shall be appointed to assist the Rector on a part-time basis. They shall be selected from the ranks of full and associate professors.

<sup>2</sup> The Executive Board shall appoint Vice Rectors at the request of the Rector, and their term of office shall be determined on a case-by-case basis<sup>62</sup>.

**Art. 14** Delegates with special duties

<sup>1</sup> Delegates may be appointed to assist members of the Executive Board by performing special duties. They shall ordinarily be selected from among the ranks of full and associate professors.

<sup>2</sup> The Executive Board shall appoint Delegates at the request of members, and their term of office shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

**Art. 15** Ombudsperson(s)<sup>63</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Ombudsperson shall assist members of ETH Zurich who find themselves in difficulties and conflict situations in the workplace or during their studies.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to (6) above, he/she shall not act on his/her own initiative.

<sup>3</sup> He/she shall listen, advise and, where requested, conciliate and mediate realisable and balanced solutions that are acceptable to the parties involved.

<sup>4</sup> Subject to (6) above, he/she shall maintain confidentiality unless otherwise required by the ETH members who contact him/her.

<sup>5</sup> The Ombudsperson is not entitled to issue orders, but may, at his/her discretion and after conducting an investigation, advise the parties involved on any next steps and/or issue a written recommendation to the staff members and/or internal ETH units in question.

<sup>6</sup> If the Ombudsperson determines any maladministration in an organisational unit, he/she may, subject to the maintenance of confidentiality, notify the relevant units within ETH Zurich, and the President of ETH Zurich in special cases.

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<sup>60</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>61</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>62</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 February 2014, in effect since 1 July 2014

<sup>63</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 30 June 2020, in effect since 1 July 2020

<sup>7</sup> The Ombudsperson may take receipt of reports of any irregularities listed in Article 2(2)(b-e) of the Guidelines on ETH Zurich employees on reporting suspected malpractice (“Whistleblowing Guidelines”) and pass these on to the unit in question.

<sup>8</sup> For clarification purposes, the Ombudsperson may question the ETH staff involved and request the relevant information from the units in question. He/she may, subject to the maintenance of confidentiality, exchange information with other specialist units of ETH Zurich (e.g. the Confidant for questions of research integrity, Vice Rector for Doctoral Studies).

<sup>9</sup> As a mandate holder of ETH Zurich, the Ombudsperson shall be subject to the same maintenance of confidentiality as staff of ETH Zurich.

<sup>10</sup> The Ombudsperson shall be subject to annual reporting to the Executive Board.

<sup>11</sup> The Ombuds Office of ETH Zurich shall comprise at least three (3) ombudspersons. The mandates shall be publicly advertised. Upon the recommendation of the University Assembly, the Ombudspersons shall be elected by the Executive Board for a four-year term of office. They may be re-elected for a further term of office but only up to the age of seventy years.

<sup>12</sup> Anyone who is familiar with the organisation of a university and is in possession of the experience required for this role may be elected as an ombudsperson. Active staff or professors of ETH Zurich may not stand for election. At least one ombudsperson must have no association with ETH Zurich.

<sup>13</sup> The Ombudsperson shall have full independence in making his/her decisions.

<sup>14</sup> The Ombudsperson shall have a contractual relationship.

<sup>15</sup> Upon the termination of their duties, the Ombudspersons shall together ensure the proper safeguarding of the institutional memory, subject to maintenance of confidentiality and the protection of the personality of ETH members.

#### **Art. 15a** Confidant<sup>64</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Confidant shall perform his/her duties in accordance with the Procedure to Address Allegations of Research Misconduct at ETH Zurich dated 30 March 2004<sup>65</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The provisions governing Ombudspersons, as set forth in Article 15(5), (8) and (13), apply equally to Confidants.

<sup>3</sup> The Confidant shall submit a report on his/her work to the Executive Board on an annual basis.

#### **Art. 15b** Animal Welfare Officer<sup>66</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The ETH Zurich Animal Welfare Officer is responsible for providing advice and assistance to the Executive Board and members of ETH Zurich<sup>67</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> His/her duties shall be set out in a description of functions. For administrative purposes, the Animal Welfare Officer is assigned to the Vice President for Research<sup>68</sup>.

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<sup>64</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 30 June 2020, in effect since 1 July 2020

<sup>65</sup> RSETHZ 415en

<sup>66</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 12 September 2007, in effect since 1 October 2007

<sup>67</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 2 October 2012, in effect since 1 October 2012

<sup>68</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2020, in effect since 1 January 2021

<sup>3</sup> He/she shall submit a report on his/her work to the Executive Board on an annual basis.

**Art. 15c** Safety Officer<sup>69</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Head of Safety, Security, Health and Environment shall serve as the ETH Zurich Safety Officer.

<sup>2</sup> His/her duties shall be set out in a description of functions.

<sup>3</sup> He/she shall submit a report on his/her work to the Executive Board on an annual basis.

<sup>4</sup> For administrative purposes, the following occupational safety specialists shall be assigned to the Safety Officer as provided for by superordinate law<sup>70</sup>:

- a. Fire Safety Officer;
- b. Biosafety Coordinator;
- c. Dangerous Goods Officer;
- d. Laser Safety Coordinator
- e. Radiation Protection Officer;
- f. Chemicals Contact Person;
- g. Occupational Physician

<sup>5</sup> The tasks entrusted to the specialists shall be derived from the relevant superordinate regulations<sup>71</sup>. The details shall be set out in a description of functions.

<sup>6</sup> The specialists shall reserve the right to carry out checks (spot checks) and may impose occupational safety measures, conduct training courses for prevention purposes, provide guidance and issue recommendations.

<sup>7</sup> All organisational units at ETH Zurich and the responsible supervisors shall support the specialists in the implementation of the valid superordinate provisions relating to occupational safety and shall comply with their instructions.

<sup>8</sup> In the event of an incident, the specialists shall report directly to the President and the Vice President for Infrastructure.

**Art. 15d** Environmental Officer<sup>72</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The ETH Zurich Environmental Officer is responsible for providing advice and assistance to the Executive Board and members of ETH Zurich.

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<sup>69</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 16 December 2008, in effect since 1 January 2009; (4 – 7) amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 13 January 2022, in effect since 1 February 2022

<sup>70</sup> In particular, within the meaning of Article 1 of the *Verordnung über die Eignung von den Spezialistinnen und Spezialisten der Arbeitssicherheit vom 25.11.1996* (SR 822.116) (Ordinance on the suitability of occupational safety specialists dated 25 November 1996 [SR 822.116]) and Appendix 2 to Guideline No. 6508 of the Federal Coordination Commission for Occupational Safety;

<sup>71</sup> Cf. Footnote 70

<sup>72</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 7 December 2021, in effect since 1 January 2022

<sup>2</sup> His/her duties shall be set out in a description of functions. For administrative purposes, the Environmental Officer is assigned to the Vice President for Infrastructure.

<sup>3</sup> He/she shall submit a report on his/her work to the Executive Board on an annual basis.

#### **Art. 16**           Duty allowances or remuneration

Vice Rectors, Delegates with special duties, Ombudspersons and Confidants shall be paid an appropriate duty allowance or remuneration. The President is responsible for laying down the arrangements<sup>73</sup>.

### **Section 3:        Central administrative units**

#### **Subsection 1:   Definition and duties**

##### **Art. 17**

<sup>1</sup> The central administrative units comprise:

- a. the administrative departments<sup>74</sup>;
- b. the staff units.

<sup>2</sup> The central administrative units are responsible for assisting the Executive Board and academic departments.

<sup>3</sup> *repealed*<sup>75</sup>

#### **Subsection 2: Administrative departments**<sup>76</sup>

##### **Art. 18**           General provisions

<sup>1</sup> *repealed*<sup>77</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Representatives of the administrative departments may hold meetings at regular intervals to share information and ensure inter-departmental coordination<sup>78</sup>.

##### **Art. 19**           Corporate Communications<sup>79</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Corporate Communications is responsible for ensuring integrated communication at ETH Zurich. It is charged with the centralised management and coordination of issues relating to internal and external communication and the provision of relevant services. Corporate Communications is responsible for reinforcing the ETH Zurich brand and enhancing the reputation of the university.

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<sup>73</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 6 June 2007, in effect since 1 July 2007

<sup>74</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>75</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>76</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>77</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>78</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>79</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>2</sup> Corporate Communications reports to the President.

**Art. 20** Academic Services<sup>80</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Academic Services is responsible for the legal, organisational and administrative aspects of teaching at all levels. It is tasked with managing the relevant procedures and assisting all the parties involved, i.e. students, members of the teaching staff and the academic departments, with related matters.

<sup>2</sup> Academic Services reports to the Rector.

**Art. 21** Student Services<sup>81</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Student Services is a centralised point of contact for students requiring advice and assistance and provides detailed information to prospective students and secondary schools.

<sup>2</sup> Student Services reports to the Rector.

**Art. 21a** Educational Development and Technology<sup>82</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Educational Development and Technology is responsible for promoting teaching quality through the university's teaching skills programme and the management of innovation in teaching. It achieves this by performing teaching evaluations, assisting with curriculum development and examinations and by maintaining and upgrading teaching and learning platforms.

<sup>2</sup> Educational Development and Technology reports to the Rector.

**Art. 22** ETH Library<sup>83</sup>

<sup>1</sup> ETH Library is responsible for supplying information and literature to ETH Zurich and managing the library system within the ETH Domain. In addition, ETH Library is charged with preserving and developing the collections of cultural and historical significance that are held at ETH Zurich. The services of ETH Library are intended primarily for members of ETH Zurich, but are also available to members of the ETH Domain and interested members of the public.

<sup>2</sup> ETH Library reports to the Vice President for Infrastructure.

**Art. 23** IT Services<sup>84</sup>

<sup>1</sup> IT Services provides services in the area of information and communications technology to support teaching, research and administration. It is also responsible for operating the extensive infrastructure, information systems and applications required for such purpose.

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<sup>80</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>81</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>82</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>83</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>84</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>2</sup> IT Services reports to the Vice President for Infrastructure.

**Art. 24** HR Consulting<sup>85</sup>

<sup>1</sup> HR Consulting is responsible for human resources matters in the administrative departments and central administrative units. Its remit ranges from the attraction, recruitment and remuneration of staff to their departure. It is charged with implementing and ensuring compliance with the university's human resources policy and human resources law. Vocational education and training and providing advice on incapacity for work and reintegration also fall within its remit.

<sup>2</sup> HR Consulting reports to the Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership<sup>86</sup>.

**Art. 24a** Consulting for Professors<sup>87</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Consulting for Professors is responsible for advising full, associate and assistant professors and members of the Executive Board from their appointment to their retirement and beyond. It is also tasked with advising the partners of professors on their integration into working and private life in Switzerland.

<sup>2</sup> Consulting for Professors reports to the Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership.

**Art. 24b** Development and Leadership<sup>88</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Development und Leadership offers courses in personal and lifelong learning for professors, managers and staff of ETH Zurich and supports organisational units in their development and transformation process. It also offers students and doctoral candidates advice about the job market.

<sup>2</sup> Development and Leadership reports to the Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership.

**Art. 24c** Diversity and Collaboration<sup>89</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Diversity and Collaboration develops strategies, programmes and measures to promote inclusive and constructive collaboration among members of ETH Zurich free of any form of discrimination. It fosters an effective conflict management system featuring defined procedures and low-threshold advisory services in the fields of prevention and intervention.

<sup>2</sup> Diversity and Collaboration reports to the Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership.

**Art. 24d** HR Operations<sup>90</sup>

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<sup>85</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>86</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>87</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 7 December 2021, in effect since 1 January 2022

<sup>88</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 7 December 2021, in effect since 1 January 2022

<sup>89</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 7 December 2021, in effect since 1 January 2022

<sup>90</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 7 December 2021, in effect since 1 January 2022



<sup>1</sup> HR Operations is responsible for human resources administration and payroll, personnel data, interfaces and systems and for the ongoing development and rollout of digitalised human resources processes.

<sup>2</sup> HR Operations reports to the Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership.

#### **Art. 25** Controlling<sup>91</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Controlling assists the Executive Board and ETH units with planning, budgeting and reporting processes and serves as a central hub for ETH Zurich business data and data relating to the university. It is responsible for supplying any tools required for such purpose to the whole university.

<sup>2</sup> Controlling reports to the Vice President for Finance and Controlling.

#### **Art. 25a** Accounting<sup>92</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Accounting is responsible for implementing financial policy and ensuring the transparent reporting of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements. Accounting supplies the full range of services relating to the settlement of financial transactions and the preparation of project reports for external donors.

<sup>2</sup> Accounting reports to the Vice President for Finance and Controlling.

#### **Art. 25b** Financial Services<sup>93</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Financial Services is responsible for ensuring that integrated risk control and insurance systems are in place. It is also responsible for the strategic approach adopted in procurement, cooperating with partner organisations and dealing with procurement issues to support teaching, research and administration.

<sup>2</sup> Financial Services reports to the Vice President for Finance and Controlling.

#### **Art. 26** Real Estate Management<sup>94</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Real Estate Management is responsible for developing and managing the real estate portfolio, representing ETH Zurich in the capacity of property owner, ensuring that property values are maintained over the long term and providing other infrastructure services.

<sup>2</sup> Real Estate Management reports to the Vice President for Infrastructure.

#### **Art. 26a** Facility Services<sup>95</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Facility Services is responsible for technical and infrastructure facility management for all premises used by ETH Zurich.

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<sup>91</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>92</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>93</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>94</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>95</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 7 December 2021, in effect since 1 January 2022

<sup>2</sup> Facility Services reports to the Vice President for Infrastructure.

**Art. 26b** Campus Services<sup>96</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Campus Services provides support services for teaching, research and administration in the areas of events and representation, design and publication, and materials management and mobility. It also ensures comprehensive information management and signage at ETH Zurich.

<sup>2</sup> Campus Services reports to the Vice President for Infrastructure.

**Art. 26c** Safety, Security, Health and Environment<sup>97</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Safety, Security, Health and Environment provides advice and training to ETH members on dealing with risks and hazards with a view to protecting people, infrastructure and the environment and ensuring compliance with applicable legal requirements. The department is responsible for liaising with the authorities, instigating measures and taking action in the event of an incident.

<sup>2</sup> Safety, Security, Health and Environment reports to the Vice President for Infrastructure, but delivers reports directly to the President in respect of non-operational safety and security issues.

**Art. 26d** Engineering and Systems<sup>98</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Engineering and Systems is ETH Zurich's engineering centre for building technology systems, energy supply, laboratory standards, workshop technology and campus sustainability. It holds overall technical responsibility and systems leadership in these areas and is responsible for the management of systems across their entire lifecycle.

<sup>2</sup> Engineering and Systems reports to the Vice President for Infrastructure.

**Subsection 3: Staff units**

**Art. 27<sup>99</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> The following staff units have been established:

- a. the Office of the President;
- b. the Rector's Staff;
- c. the Office of Research<sup>100</sup>;
- d. *repealed*
- e. the Legal Office;
- f. the Office of Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations;

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<sup>96</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 7 December 2021, in effect since 1 January 2022

<sup>97</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>98</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 7 December 2021, in effect since 1 January 2022

<sup>99</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>100</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

- g. the Office for Faculty Affairs<sup>101</sup>;
- h. the Office of Infrastructure;
- i. *repealed*<sup>102</sup>
- k. *repealed*<sup>103</sup>
- l. *repealed*<sup>104</sup>
- m. *repealed*
- n. *repealed*
- o. *repealed*
- p. the Office of Finance and Controlling;
- q. the Office of Personnel Development and Leadership.

<sup>2</sup> The following reporting lines apply to the staff units:

- a. the Office of the President and the Office for Faculty Affairs report to the President;
- b. the Rector's Staff reports to the Rector;
- c. the Office of Research reports to the Vice President for Research;
- d. the Office of Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations reports to the Vice President for Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations;
- e. the Office of Finance and Controlling reports to the Vice President for Finance and Controlling;
- f. the Office of Infrastructure reports to the Vice President for Infrastructure;
- g. the Office of Personnel Development and Leadership reports to the Vice President for Personnel Development and Leadership;
- h. the Legal Office reports to the Secretary General.

#### **Section 4: Advisory committees**

#### **Art. 28**

<sup>1</sup> The following permanent commissions have been specifically set up to advise the Executive Board:

- a. the Strategy Commission<sup>105</sup>;
- b. the Teaching Commission<sup>106</sup>;
- c. the Research Commission;
- d. the ICT Commission<sup>107</sup>;
- e. the Risk Management Commission<sup>108</sup>;
- f. the Investment Commission<sup>109</sup>;
- g. the Catering Commission<sup>110</sup>;

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<sup>101</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>102</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>103</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>104</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>105</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>106</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 15 December 2009, in effect since 1 January 2010

<sup>107</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 5 July 2005, in effect since 1 December 2005

<sup>108</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>109</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 November 2009, in effect since 1 November 2009

<sup>110</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

- h. the Commission for Good Scientific Practice (GSP)<sup>111</sup>;
- i. the Ethics Commission<sup>112</sup>;
- j. the Prize Commission<sup>113</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The Executive Board may set up additional commissions.

<sup>3</sup> The Executive Board shall lay down specific rules governing the organisation, composition and duties of the commissions. In determining the composition of the commissions, due consideration shall be given to the university groups insofar as they are affected.

<sup>4</sup> The chairpersons of permanent commissions shall be paid an appropriate duty allowance. The President is responsible for laying down the specific arrangements.

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<sup>111</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 27 March 2018, in effect since 1 April 2018

<sup>112</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>113</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

## Chapter 3: Academic departments

### Section 1: General provisions

#### Art. 29 Definition

<sup>1</sup> The academic department is the teaching and research unit. It is divided into institutes or laboratories, professorships and departmental facilities. Departments and sub-units may be set up on a cross-university basis.

<sup>2</sup> The academic department is an organisational unit comprising members of the university working in a particular academic field and is responsible for delivering teaching, research and services in that field.

#### Art. 30 List of academic departments

ETH Zurich has the following academic departments:

- a. Department of Architecture (D-ARCH);
- b. Department of Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering (D-BAUG);
- c. Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering (D-MAVT);
- d. Department of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering (D-ITET);
- e. Department of Computer Science (D-INFK);
- f. Department of Materials (D-MATL);
- g. Department of Management, Technology, and Economics (D-MTEC)<sup>114</sup>;
- h. Department of Mathematics (D-MATH);
- i. Department of Physics (D-PHYS);
- k. Department of Chemistry and Applied Biosciences (D-CHAB);
- l. Department of Biology (D-BIOL);
- m. Department of Biosystems Science and Engineering (D-BSSE)<sup>115</sup>;
- n. Department of Earth Sciences (D-ERDW);
- o. Department of Environmental Systems Science (D-USYS)<sup>116</sup>;
- p. Department of Health Sciences and Technology (D-HEST)<sup>117</sup>;
- q. Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences (D-GESS).

#### Art. 31 Management of resources

<sup>1</sup> Academic departments are autonomous in managing the budgets allocated to them.<sup>118</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The agreement referred to in Article 6(1)(b) should stipulate inter alia:

- a. the amount of funding;

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<sup>114</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 10 August 2004, in effect since 1 October 2004

<sup>115</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 5 July 2006, in effect since 1 January 2007

<sup>116</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 29 November 2011, in effect since 1 January 2012

<sup>117</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 29 November 2011, in effect since 1 January 2012

<sup>118</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 2 October 2018, in effect since 1 January 2019

- b. accounting practices and periodic controls;
- c. action to be taken in respect of funding shortfalls or surpluses;
- d. procedures to be followed in the event of a dispute.

<sup>3</sup> The amount of funding under (2)(a) above shall be in line with the strategic guidelines set by the President and based on teaching output, research activities and the services provided. Due consideration shall be given to resignations and new appointments of professors<sup>119</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> Academic departments shall adopt rules of procedures defining:

- a. the method of allocating resources internally, with regard to cost factors and performance;
- b. the relevant responsibilities.

**Art. 31a** Institutes or laboratories<sup>120</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Institutes or laboratories are subdivisions of academic departments and, as such, constitute organisational units supporting professorships in related fields.

<sup>2</sup> The following governing bodies are responsible for the institutes or laboratories:

- a. the management of the institute;
- b. the Institute Council, insofar as the management of the institute does not include any representatives of institute or laboratory members pursuant to Article 47(1)(b)(1) and (3).

<sup>3</sup> The management of the institute shall, as a minimum, be composed of all full, associate and assistant professors attached to the institute or laboratory.

<sup>4</sup> The management of the institute shall choose a Head of Institute and a Deputy Head from among its members. The Head of Institute and Deputy Head shall ordinarily hold office for a two-year term, which may be renewed. Appointments to these roles shall be confirmed by the Head of Department and notified in writing to the Secretary General.

<sup>5</sup> The Institute Council shall, as a minimum, be composed of the Head of Institute, who shall act as chairperson, and one representative of the members of the institute or laboratory pursuant to Article 47(1)(b)(1) and (3). Representatives shall be elected in accordance with the procedures applying to the group concerned and shall ordinarily serve for a period of two years.

<sup>6</sup> The management of the institute shall make decisions regarding matters affecting the institute or laboratory. Resolutions shall be passed by a simple majority of votes cast by its members. In the event of a tie, the Head of Institute shall have the casting vote. The management of the institute shall hold meetings not less than once a semester.

<sup>7</sup> Subject to (8) below, the Institute Council shall act in an advisory capacity on matters affecting the institute or laboratory. The Institute Council shall hold meetings not less than once a year.

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<sup>119</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>120</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 9 June 2009, in effect since 1 August 2009

<sup>8</sup> Subject to the provisions of this Organisation Ordinance and the departmental rules of procedure, each institute or laboratory may adopt a charter, which shall be approved by the Institute Council and the Head of Department. Such charters may, for example, set out supplementary provisions governing the composition and duties of the governing bodies and the procedures for meetings.

## Section 2: Duties

### Art. 32 Planning and budgeting

<sup>1</sup> Academic departments are responsible for facilitating the positioning and integration of their academic field into research and teaching at ETH Zurich, for example, by:

- a. monitoring trends and positioning themselves accordingly<sup>121</sup>;
- b. defining the resulting departmental requirements and submitting such requirements to the President<sup>122</sup>;
- c. providing input on proposed professorships and the appointment of professors.

<sup>2</sup> Departments shall prepare their budgets in line with the strategic guidelines set by the President and submit these to the Vice President for Finance and Controlling<sup>123</sup>. The relevant responsibilities shall be laid down in rules of procedure.

### Art. 33 Teaching

<sup>1</sup> Academic departments are responsible for their Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes and providing opportunities for obtaining the corresponding academic degrees<sup>124</sup>. A lead department shall be designated for interdepartmental degree programmes.

<sup>2</sup> The department shall provide teaching in its subject area on other ETH Zurich degree programmes by agreement with the departments responsible.

<sup>3</sup> The department shall deploy its resources and the resources of its members to meet the requirements of degree programmes in accordance with (1) and (2) above.

<sup>4</sup> The department shall provide opportunities for obtaining doctoral degrees in accordance with the ETH Zurich Ordinance on the Doctorate<sup>125</sup>.

<sup>4bis</sup> The department may award teaching diplomas and teaching certificates<sup>126</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> It may offer university continuing education programmes<sup>127</sup> in accordance with the *Organisationsreglement für die Weiterbildung an der ETH Zürich* (Organisational Regulations for Continuing Education at ETH Zurich; no English version available)<sup>128</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> Academic departments shall promote student mobility.

<sup>7</sup> The organisational aspects of joint degree programmes shall be governed by special agreements with the universities concerned. Agreements shall be approved by the Rector.

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<sup>121</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>122</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>123</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>124</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>125</sup> SR 414.113.1; RSETHZ 340.31en

<sup>126</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>127</sup> RSETHZ 330.71

<sup>128</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020



**Art. 34**

*repealed*<sup>129</sup>

**Art. 34a** Special rules governing the Bachelor's degree programme in public policy<sup>130</sup>

D-GESS is responsible for the Bachelor's programme in public policy (professional officer). The planning and implementation of the degree programme is carried out in cooperation with the Military Academy at ETH Zurich (MILAC at ETH Zurich) in accordance with the *Verordnung über die Militärakademie an der ETH Zürich und über die Ausbildung der Berufsoffiziere* (Ordinance on the Military Academy at ETH Zurich and on the Training of Professional Officers; no English version available)<sup>131</sup> and the corresponding service level agreement<sup>132</sup>.

**Art. 35** Research

<sup>1</sup> Academic departments shall, insofar as is practicable, establish optimum working conditions for their institutes or laboratories and professorships and are responsible for coordination.

<sup>2</sup> Departments shall facilitate the dissemination of information regarding the research activities of their members and foster understanding of their academic fields among the general public. To the extent permitted by law, departments are responsible for uploading scientific publications onto the university's document server in accordance with the ETH Zurich Open Access Policy (self-archiving)<sup>133</sup>.

**Art. 36** Coordinators and departmental facilities

<sup>1</sup> Academic departments shall have at least one Coordinator.

<sup>2</sup> Academic departments may manage departmental facilities such as computer facilities, communications systems, libraries, collections, archives, workshops and, where applicable, laboratories.

<sup>3</sup> Upon request, departments shall also allow other academic departments at ETH Zurich or institutions within the ETH Domain to access their facilities, as specified in (2) above, subject to their own requirements.

**Section 3:** *repealed*<sup>134</sup>

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<sup>129</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 August 2014

<sup>130</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>131</sup> SR 414.131.1

<sup>132</sup> Service level agreement of 24 January 2018

<sup>133</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>134</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

**Section 4: Members and associate members****Art. 43** Members

<sup>1</sup> The following are members of the academic departments:

- a. the professors assigned to the department;
- b. other members of the department teaching staff;
- c. non-faculty scientific staff employed at the institutes or laboratories and professorships attached to the department and the departmental facilities;
- d. students and auditors enrolled on the degree programmes of the department;
- e. administrative and technical staff employed at the institutes or laboratories and professorships attached to the department and the departmental facilities.

<sup>2</sup> The Executive Board shall assign institutes or laboratories to academic departments following consultation with the department concerned. A list of the institutes or laboratories assigned to academic departments is provided in the Appendix.

<sup>3</sup> The professorships, institutes or laboratories are required to supply non-faculty scientific staff to the department for teaching purposes.

**Art. 44** Associate members

<sup>1</sup> Professors who have close ties to an academic department but are members of another department may become associate members.

<sup>2</sup> Members of EPFL, research institutes within the ETH Domain, the University of Zurich and other universities and research institutes may also apply for associate membership of an academic department.

<sup>3</sup> Associate membership is generally conferred for a three-year term, which may be renewed.

<sup>4</sup> Academic departments shall adopt rules of procedure setting out the rights and obligations of associate members and the admission procedures.

**Section 5: Governing bodies****Art. 45** Structure

<sup>1</sup> The following comprise the governing bodies of academic departments:

- a. the Department Conference;
- b. the Professors' Conference;
- c. the Teaching Commission(s);
- d. the Grading Conference(s);
- e. the Head of Department and Deputy Head;

f. the Director(s) of Studies<sup>135</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The rules of procedure of the academic departments may stipulate other governing bodies, such as departmental committees. The relevant duties and responsibilities shall be laid down in the rules of procedure.

<sup>2bis</sup> The remote attendance (via video conference) of members of governing bodies listed in (1) in meetings shall be considered equal to physical attendance, subject to compliance with the technical requirements (security, connection quality, confidentiality, etc.). This is in the absence of any provisions to the contrary<sup>136</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> One Director of Studies shall be responsible for each degree programme and any service courses provided by the department<sup>137</sup>.

<sup>3bis</sup> Where an academic department has more than one Director of Studies, the Department Conference shall determine who is responsible for service courses<sup>138</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> As a general rule, the lead department shall supply the Director of Studies for interdepartmental degree programmes<sup>139</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> In the case of joint degree programmes, a professor at the partner university or universities may discharge the function of Director of Studies<sup>140</sup>. The precise arrangements shall be set out in an agreement with the university or universities concerned<sup>141</sup>.

#### **Art. 46** Responsibilities of the Department Conference

<sup>1</sup> The Department Conference is the most senior governing body within the academic department.

<sup>2</sup> The Department Conference has the following specific responsibilities:

- a. drawing up plans for the relevant academic field to be submitted to the President<sup>142</sup>;
- b. at the request of the Teaching Commission(s), approving the programme regulations to be submitted to the Executive Board and the Course Catalogue to be submitted to the Rector;
- c. submitting applications for the issuing of teaching assignments and invitations to visiting professors and visiting lecturers;
- d. making decisions on awarding regular doctorates in accordance with the ETH Zurich Ordinance on the Doctorate<sup>143</sup>;
- e. adopting procedural rules for the academic department which must be approved by the President;

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<sup>135</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>136</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 7 December 2021, in effect since 1 January 2022

<sup>137</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>138</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>139</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>140</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>141</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>142</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>143</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 20 August 2013, in effect since 1 November 2013

- f. submitting requests to the President for the appointment of the Head of Department and Deputy Head;
- g. appointing the Director(s) of Studies<sup>144</sup>;
- h. drafting descriptions of professorships;
- i. submitting proposals for membership of the selection committee to the President; selection committees shall generally be composed of representatives of the university groups in accordance with Article 47(1)(a) and 47(1)(b)(1) and (2), professors of related departments and external experts;
- k. making decisions regarding associate memberships.

**Art. 47**                    Composition of the Department Conference

<sup>1</sup> The Department Conference shall be composed of:

- a. all professors assigned to the academic department as well as representatives of other members of the department teaching staff (as a general rule);
- b. representatives:
  - 1. members of non-faculty scientific staff within the academic department;
  - 2. students and auditors within the academic department;
  - 3. administrative and technical staff within the academic department.

<sup>2</sup> The university groups as specified in (1) above shall agree the level of representation, provided that there are at least two representatives from each group. In the event of disagreement, the matter shall be determined by the President following consultation with the University Assembly. The level of representation shall be laid down in the rules of procedure. Representatives shall be elected in accordance with the procedures applying to each group.

<sup>3</sup> Associate members of academic departments are generally permitted to participate in the Department Conference. The academic departments shall define the rights and obligations of associate members in their rules of procedure.

<sup>4</sup> In transacting any items of business affecting the services of other departments, the Department Conference shall consult the relevant members of teaching staff. The academic departments shall define the rights and obligations of associate members in their rules of procedure.

<sup>5</sup> In the case of interdepartmental degree programmes, the Conference of the lead department shall consult any affected members teaching staff of other departments when discussing relevant items of business. Such faculty members shall be entitled to vote on the relevant items of business.

**Art. 48**                    Procedures for meetings of the Department Conference

<sup>1</sup> The Department Conference shall ordinarily hold meetings twice a semester, at the request of:

- a. the Head of Department;
- b. the Deputy Head of Department;

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<sup>144</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

- c. a Director of Studies<sup>145</sup>;
- d. one third of its members.

<sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise provided in the rules of procedure, the Department Conference may only validly transact business if at least half of its members are present.

<sup>3</sup> Any resolutions put to the vote of the Department Conference shall be adopted by a simple majority of members present. No amendments may be made in relation to requests submitted under Article 46(2)(b) unless a majority of two thirds of the members are present.

<sup>4</sup> Meetings shall not be public.

<sup>5</sup> Minutes shall be kept of resolutions passed, which may be inspected by members of the department.

#### **Art. 49** Professors' Conference

<sup>1</sup> The Professors' Conference has the following specific responsibilities:

- a. submitting requests for the appointment of assistant professors to the role of associate or full professor in accordance with the Guidelines for the Assistant Professor System at ETH Zurich dated 1 February 2015<sup>146</sup>;
- b. requesting the promotion of associate professors to full professorships;
- c. commenting on any promotions of associate professors to full professorships which are contemplated by the President;
- d. submitting requests for the award of the title of professor;
- e. reviewing *habilitation* applications (postdoctoral degrees) and requesting conferral of the *venia legendi* (permission to teach);
- f. submitting requests for the award of honorary doctorates in accordance with the ETH Zurich Ordinance on the Doctorate<sup>147</sup> and the appointment of Honorary Councillors<sup>148</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to the provisions of any Ordinances and Guidelines applying to the submission of requests under (1) above, academic departments shall adopt rules of procedure governing<sup>149</sup>:

- a. composition;
- b. procedures at meetings.

#### **Art. 50** Responsibilities of the Teaching Commission(s)

The Teaching Commission shall comment on the study process at regular intervals and submit requests to the Department Conference for any amendments to the programme regulations that may be required.

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<sup>145</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>146</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>147</sup> SR 414.133.1, RSETHZ 340.31en

<sup>148</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 16 March 2005, in effect since 1 April 2005

<sup>149</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

**Art. 51** Number of Teaching Commissions

<sup>1</sup> In academic departments responsible for a number of degree programmes, a separate Teaching Commission may be established for each degree programme.

<sup>2</sup> Academic departments shall set out the specific requirements in their rules of procedure.

**Art. 52** Composition of the Teaching Commission(s)

<sup>1</sup> The Teaching Commission for departmental degree programmes shall be composed of equal numbers of representatives from the university groups specified in Article 47(1)(a) and 47(1)(b)(1) and (2). In dealing with any amendments to programme regulations that affect the services of other departments, the Teaching Commission shall consult relevant members of teaching staff who may attend meetings in an advisory capacity<sup>150</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The Teaching Commissions for interdepartmental Bachelor's degree programmes (and their consecutive Master's degree programmes) shall be composed of equal numbers of representatives from the university groups specified in Article 47(1)(a) and 47(1)(b)(1) and (2) and from the relevant departments<sup>151</sup>.

<sup>2bis</sup> The relevant Teaching Commission for the lead department shall have responsibility for interdepartmental Master's degree programmes. In dealing with amendments to programme regulations, the Teaching Commission shall consult any affected members of teaching staff who may attend meetings in an advisory capacity<sup>152</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> Representatives under (1) and (2) above shall be elected in accordance with the procedures applying to the group concerned.

<sup>4</sup> The Director of Studies shall, ex officio, serve on the Teaching Commission for the degree programme for which he or she is responsible. He/she shall act as a representative of the members of teaching staff<sup>153</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> The Teaching Commission shall constitute itself.

**Art. 53** Responsibilities and composition of the Grading Conference(s)

The responsibilities and composition of the Grading Conferences shall be as set forth in the ETH Zurich Ordinance on Course Units and Performance Assessments<sup>154</sup>.

**Art. 54** Number of Grading Conferences

<sup>1</sup> In academic departments responsible for a number of degree programmes, a separate Grading Conference may be established for each degree programme.

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<sup>150</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014 in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>151</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014 in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>152</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 November 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>153</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>154</sup> SR 414.135.1, RSETHZ 322.021en

<sup>2</sup> Academic departments shall set out the specific requirements in their rules of procedure.

#### **Art. 55** Appointment of Heads of Department and Deputy Heads

<sup>1</sup> At the request of the Department Conference, the President shall appoint Heads of Department and Deputy Heads from among the full and associate professors attached to academic departments. Heads of Department and Deputy Heads shall be appointed for a two- or three-year term of office<sup>155</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> They may be reappointed for one or two further terms<sup>156</sup>. The President is responsible for making decisions regarding any exceptions to this rule.

<sup>3</sup> Heads of Department and Deputy Heads shall be paid an appropriate duty allowance; the President is responsible for laying down the arrangements. Heads of Department shall also be exempted from some of their professorial duties for the period in which they hold office.

#### **Art. 56** Responsibilities of the Head of Department

<sup>1</sup> The Head of Department shall chair the Department Conference and Professor's Conference and is responsible for preparing the items of business to be transacted. He/she shall ordinarily sit on selection committees and represent the academic department in dealings with external parties.

<sup>1bis</sup> He/she is responsible for confirming the appointments of Heads of Institutes and their Deputy Heads and approving the charters of institutes or laboratories<sup>157</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The Head of Department shall monitor the implementation of resolutions adopted by the departmental governing bodies. He/she shall also ensure that the funding assigned to the academic department is used for the purposes intended and that expenditure is within budget. The authority required for such purpose is conferred on him/her. Specific rules are laid down in the Financial Regulations<sup>158</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> The Head of Department is accountable to the President regarding the use of the budget allocated to the academic department, including active reserve management<sup>159</sup>.

<sup>3bis</sup> He/she approves applications to<sup>160</sup>

- a. the Executive Board regarding the employment of permanent scientific staff;
  - b. HR Consulting regarding the employment of permanent administrative and technical staff;
- He/she has to give his/her opinion on proposals to the Vice President for Research concerning the procurement of scientific equipment<sup>161</sup>. Specific rules and procedures shall be laid down in

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<sup>155</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>156</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>157</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 9 June 2009, in effect since 1 August 2009

<sup>158</sup> RSETHZ 245en

<sup>159</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 2 October 2018, in effect since 1 January 2019

<sup>160</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 2 October 2018, in effect since 1 January 2019; replacement of the term "Human Resources" with "HR Consulting"; amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 7 December 2021, in effect since 1 January 2022

<sup>161</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

the *Apparatzusatzfinanzierungsrichtlinien* (Guidelines on Supplementary Funding for Equipment; no English version available)<sup>162</sup>.

<sup>3ter</sup> If the members of the academic department fail to reach an agreement regarding the allocation of courses, he/she shall determine the matter at the request of the Director of Studies responsible<sup>163</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> The following report to the Heads of Department:

- a. the Coordinator;
- b. the departmental facilities, unless otherwise provided in the rules of procedure.

<sup>5</sup> He/she is responsible for any matters pertaining to the academic department that are not assigned to another authority under this Ordinance or the rules of procedure.

#### **Art. 57** Appointment and responsibilities of the Director of Studies<sup>164</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The Department Conference shall appoint Directors of Studies from among the full and associate professors attached to the academic department. Directors of Studies shall be appointed for a two- or three-year term of office<sup>165</sup>, which may be renewed.

<sup>2</sup> The Director of Studies shall perform the following duties in relation to his/her degree programme:

- a. he/she is responsible for ensuring the proper implementation of the programme regulations;
- b. he/she is responsible for quality assurance;
- c. he/she shall lead dialogue within the department with respect to curriculum development;
- d. he/she shall preside over the Grading Conference;
- e. he/she shall act as the degree programme representative in relation to the Rector<sup>166</sup>.

<sup>2bis</sup> He/she shall also discharge the duties set forth in (2)(a) and (b) above in respect of any service courses allocated to him/her and cooperate with the academic department receiving the service<sup>167</sup>.

<sup>2ter</sup> The academic department may assign additional duties to the Director of Studies. The specific arrangements shall be laid down in rules of procedure<sup>168</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> The Director of Studies shall be paid an appropriate duty allowance. Directors of Studies with extensive responsibilities shall also be exempted from some of their professorial duties for the period in which they hold office. The President is responsible for laying down the arrangements<sup>169</sup>.

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<sup>162</sup> RSETHZ 245.1

<sup>163</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>164</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>165</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>166</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>167</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>168</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>169</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015



## Chapter 4: Interdepartmental conferences

### Art. 58 Conference of the Heads of Department

<sup>1</sup> The Conference of the Heads of Department shall be composed of the Heads of Department. The President shall preside over the Conference of the Heads of Department.

<sup>2</sup> The Conference of the Heads of Department shall ordinarily hold meetings once a month during the semester, and meetings shall be attended by the Executive Board<sup>170</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> The Conference of the Heads of Department shall serve as a forum for sharing information, discussing key issues and forming opinions on matters of strategic importance relating to planning, teaching, research and services.

<sup>4</sup> The Conference of the Heads of Department shall make decisions regarding the award of honorary doctorates in accordance with the ETH Zurich Ordinance on the Doctorate<sup>171</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> It may submit requests for the appointment of Honorary Councillors and comment on appointments put forward by the Executive Board at the request of one of the Board's members.<sup>172</sup>

<sup>6</sup> It may submit requests for awards of the title of professor and comment on proposals for any such awards put forward by the President<sup>173</sup>.

<sup>7</sup> The Conference of the Heads of Department shall lay down rules of procedure<sup>174</sup>.

### Art. 59 Study Conference

<sup>1</sup> The Directors of Studies within the academic departments shall establish a Study Conference. The Rector shall preside over the Study Conference<sup>175</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> The Conference shall address issues of fundamental importance relating to courses and examinations and ensure that teaching requirements and guidelines are implemented consistently.

<sup>3</sup> *repealed*<sup>176</sup>

<sup>4</sup> *repealed*<sup>177</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The Study Conference shall lay down rules of procedure.

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<sup>170</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>171</sup> SR 414.133.1, RSETHZ 340.31en

<sup>172</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 16 March 2005, in effect since 1 April 2005

<sup>173</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>174</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>175</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2015, in effect since 1 August 2015

<sup>176</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 20 August 2013, in effect since 1 November 2013

<sup>177</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

**Art. 60** General Conference of the Teaching Cadre

<sup>1</sup> The General Conference of the Teaching Cadre shall be composed of all members of teaching staff for the relevant academic year at ETH Zurich. The Rector shall preside over meetings.

<sup>2</sup> The General Conference of the Teaching Cadre shall address issues relating to the development of ETH Zurich. It may inform the relevant governing bodies of any shortcomings and make suggestions for improvement.

<sup>3</sup> It shall adopt the By-laws of the ETH Zurich General Conference of the Teaching Cadre, Professors' Conference and Lecturers' Conference (General Teaching Conference BL)<sup>178</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> The full and associate professors, assistant professors and adjunct professors shall hold a meeting, which shall be chaired by the President of the Lecturers' Conference, for the purpose of submitting any request to the President for the appointment of the Rector by the ETH Board. The preselection procedure shall be laid down in the General Teaching Conference BL<sup>179</sup>.

**Chapter 5: Teaching and research facilities outside the academic departments****Art. 61**

<sup>1</sup> Teaching and research facilities outside the academic departments are entities that provide inter-departmental teaching and research services and/or engage in teaching or research activities. The facilities may either be operated solely by ETH Zurich or by ETH Zurich in cooperation with other institutions and may be set up on a permanent basis. In legal terms, such facilities may be set up as subdivisions of ETH Zurich, simple partnerships with other institutions or entities with separate legal personality<sup>180</sup>.

<sup>1bis</sup> Such facilities report directly to a member of the Executive Board<sup>181</sup>.

<sup>1ter</sup> The following facilities have been set up:

- a. Collegium Helveticum;
- b. Language Center;
- c. Congressi Stefano Franscini<sup>182</sup>;
- d. Functional Genomics Center Zurich;
- e. Swiss National Supercomputing Centre (CSCS);
- f. FIRST Lab;
- g. the Scientific Center for Optical and Electron Microscopy (ScopeM)<sup>183</sup>;
- h. Swiss Seismological Service (SED)<sup>184</sup>;

<sup>178</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>179</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>180</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>181</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 4 July 2008, in effect since 1 October 2008

<sup>182</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 25 April 2014, in effect since 1 April 2014

<sup>183</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 12 November 2013, in effect since 1 January 2014

<sup>184</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 21 April 2009, in effect since 1 January 2009

- i. Binnig and Rohrer Nanotechnology Center<sup>185</sup>;
- k. ETH Phenomics Center<sup>186</sup>;
- l. ETH Institute for Theoretical Studies<sup>187</sup>;
- m. NEXUS Personalized Health Technologies<sup>188</sup>;
- n. Wyss Zurich Translational Center (WZTC)<sup>189</sup>;
- o. University Medicine Zurich<sup>190</sup>;
- p. Institute of Science, Technology and Policy<sup>191</sup>;
- q. the Singapore–ETH Centre (ETH SINGAPORE SEC LTD.)<sup>192</sup>;
- r. AgroVet-Strickhof<sup>193</sup>;
- s. Swiss Data Science Center (SDSC)<sup>194</sup>;
- t. the School for Continuing Education<sup>195</sup>;
- u. the Good Manufacturing Practice Facility (GMP Facility)<sup>196</sup>;
- v. the Center for Climate Systems Modeling (C2SM)<sup>197</sup>;
- w. the Digital Trial Intervention Platform (dTIP)<sup>198</sup>
- x. the Centre for the Origin and Prevalence of Life (COPL)<sup>199</sup>

<sup>1</sup>quater *repealed*<sup>200</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The Language Center facilities are shared with the University of Zurich. At ETH Zurich, these facilities report to the Rector<sup>201</sup>.

<sup>3</sup> Congressi Stefano Franscini; the Institute of Science, Technology and Policy; and the School for Continuing Education<sup>202</sup> report to the Rector<sup>203</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> The Collegium Helveticum, Functional Genomics Center Zurich and University Medicine Zurich facilities are shared with the University of Zurich. At ETH Zurich, these facilities report to the Vice President for Research<sup>204</sup>.

<sup>185</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 15 January 2013, in effect since 1 January 2013

<sup>186</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 15 January 2013, in effect since 1 January 2013

<sup>187</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 23 April 2013, in effect since 1 June 2013

<sup>188</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 14 October 2014, in effect since 1 January 2015

<sup>189</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 28 April 2022, in effect since 1 May 2022

<sup>190</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>191</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>192</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>193</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 13 December 2016, in effect since 1 January 2017

<sup>194</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 22 August 2017, in effect since 1 September 2017

<sup>195</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 10 December 2018, in effect since 1 January 2019

<sup>196</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 10 December 2019, in effect since 1 January 2020<sup>197</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 10 December 2019, in effect since 1 January 2021

<sup>197</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 10 December 2019, in effect since 1 January 2021

<sup>198</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 10 November 2020, in effect since 1 January 2021

<sup>199</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 1 September 2022, in effect since 1 September 2022

<sup>200</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 5 June 2018, in effect since 1 July 2018

<sup>201</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2020, in effect since 1 January 2021

<sup>202</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 10 December 2018, in effect since 1 January 2019

<sup>203</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2015, in effect since 1 January 2016

<sup>204</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 8 December 2020, in effect since 1 January 2021

<sup>4bis</sup> The Swiss Data Science Center (SDSC) is a joint undertaking with EPFL. At ETH Zurich, the facility reports to the Vice President for Research<sup>205</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> The Swiss National Supercomputing Centre, FIRST Lab, Scientific Center for Optical and Electron Microscopy (ScopeM), Swiss Seismological Service (SED), Binnig and Rohrer Nanotechnology Center (BRNC), ETH Phenomics Center, ETH Institute for Theoretical Studies, NEXUS Personalized Health Technologies,<sup>206</sup> AgroVet–Strickhof,<sup>207</sup> Good Manufacturing Practice Facility (GMP Facility)<sup>208</sup>, Center for Climate Systems Modeling (C2SM)<sup>209</sup>, the Digital Trial Intervention Platform (dTIP)<sup>210</sup> and the centre for the Origin and Prevalence of Life (COPL)<sup>211</sup> report to the Vice President for Research<sup>212</sup>.

<sup>5bis</sup> The Singapore–ETH Centre (ETH SINGAPORE SEC LTD.) reports to the Vice President for Research. ETH SINGAPORE SEC LTD. is an independent company under Singapore law and a 100% subsidiary of ETH Zürich SEC AG, in which ETH Zurich holds 100% of the shares<sup>213</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> *repealed*<sup>214</sup>

<sup>7</sup> The Wyss Zurich Translational Center (WZTC)<sup>215</sup> is shared with the University of Zurich. At ETH Zurich, the facility reports to the Vice President for Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations<sup>216</sup>.

## Chapter 6: Concluding provisions

**Art. 62** *repealed*<sup>217</sup>

**Art. 63** Repeal of existing rules

The following rules are repealed with effect from 1 January 2004:

- a. *Verordnung über die Detailorganisation der Eidgenössischen Technischen Hochschule Zürich* (Ordinance Governing the Organisation of ETH Zurich) dated 9 June 1998<sup>218</sup>;
- b. *Reglement für den Bibliothek-Beirat der ETH Zürich* (ETH Library Advisory Board Regulations) dated 18 January 1994<sup>219</sup>.

**Art. 64** Commencement

<sup>205</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 22 August 2017, in effect since 1 September 2017

<sup>206</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>207</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 3 July 2018, in effect since 1 January 2019

<sup>208</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 10 December 2019, in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>209</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 10 December 2019, in effect since 1 January 2021

<sup>210</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 10 November 2020, in effect since 1 January 2021

<sup>211</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 1 September 2022, in effect since 1 September 2022

<sup>212</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>213</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>214</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>215</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 28 April 2022, in effect since 1 January 2022

<sup>216</sup> Amended by resolution of the Executive Board dated 7 December 2021, in effect since 1 January 2022

<sup>217</sup> Repealed by resolution of the Executive Board dated 17 January 2020, retroactively in effect since 1 January 2020

<sup>218</sup> Not published in the Official Compilation

<sup>219</sup> Not published in the Official Compilation

This Ordinance takes effect on 1 January 2004.

16 December 2003

For and on behalf of the Executive Board  
The President: Kübler  
The Delegate: Kottusch

**Appendix (as at 16 May 2023)****DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE****LZ 2100****(D-ARCH)**

- 2600 Institute for Preservation and Construction History
- 2601 Institute for the History and Theory of Architecture
- 2602 Institute of Technology in Architecture
- 2662 Institute of Design and Architecture
- 2667 Institute for Urban and Landscape Studies

**DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND GEOMATIC ENGINEERING****LZ 2115****(D-BAUG)**

- 2604 Institute of Construction and Infrastructure Management
- 2605 Institute of Structural Engineering
- 2606 Institute for Building Materials
- 2607 Institute for Geotechnical Engineering
- 2608 Institute of Environmental Engineering
- 2610 Institute of Transport Planning and Systems
- 2611 Laboratory of Hydraulics, Hydrology and Glaciology
- 2647 Institute of Geodesy and Photogrammetry
- 2648 Institute of Cartography and Geoinformation
- 2656 Institute of Spatial and Landscape Development

**DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND PROCESS ENGINEERING****LZ 2130****(D-MAVT)**

- 2618 Institute for Mechanical Systems
- 2619 Institute for Dynamic Systems and Control
- 2620 Institute of Robotics and Intelligent Systems
- 2622 Institute of Virtual Manufacturing
- 2623 Institute of Machine Tools and Manufacturing
- 2628 Institute of Fluid Dynamics
- 2665 Institute of Design, Materials and Fabrication
- 2668 Institute of Energy and Process Engineering

**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTRICAL  
ENGINEERING** **LZ 2140**  
**(D-ITET)**

- 2533 Institute of Neuroinformatics
- 2631 Institute for Biomedical Engineering
- 2632 Power Systems and High Voltage Laboratories
- 2634 Electronics Laboratory
- 2635 Institute of Electromagnetic Fields
- 2636 Integrated Systems Laboratory
- 2637 Communication Technology Laboratory
- 2639 Signal and Information Processing Laboratory
- 2640 Computer Engineering and Networks Laboratory
- 2650 Automatic Control Laboratory
- 2652 Computer Vision Laboratory

**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE** **LZ 2150**  
**(D-INFK)**

- 2643 Institute of Theoretical Computer Science
- 2658 Institute for Intelligent Interactive Systems
- 2659 Institute for Visual Computing
- 2660 Institute of Information Security
- 2661 Institute for Machine Learning
- 2663 Institute for Computing Platforms
- 2664 Institute for Programming Languages and Systems
- 2666 Institute for High Performance Computing Systems

**DEPARTMENT OF MATERIALS** **LZ 2160**  
**(D-MATL)**

- 2645 Institute of Metals Research
- 2646 Institute for Polymers

**DEPARTMENT OF BIOSYSTEMS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING** **LZ 2060**  
**(D-BSSE)**

No institutes

**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS****LZ 2000****(D-MATH)**

- 2500 Institute for Mathematical Research
- 2501 Seminar for Applied Mathematics
- 2502 Institute for Operations Research
- 2537 Seminar for Statistics

**DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS****LZ 2010****(D-PHYS)**

- 2504 Institute for Astronomy
- 2505 Laboratory for Solid State Physics
- 2510 Institute for Quantum Electronics
- 2511 Institute for Theoretical Physics
- 2532 Institute for Particle Physics and Astrophysics

**DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND APPLIED BIOSCIENCES****LZ 2020****(D-CHAB)**

- 2513 Laboratory of Inorganic Chemistry
- 2514 Laboratory of Organic Chemistry
- 2515 Laboratory of Physical Chemistry
- 2516 Institute for Chemical and Bioengineering
- 2534 Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- 2543 Institute of Molecular Physical Science

**DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY****LZ 2030****(D-BIOL)**

- 2517 Institute of Biochemistry
- 2520 Institute of Microbiology
- 2521 Institute of Molecular Biology and Biophysics
- 2538 Institute of Molecular Systems Biology
- 2539 Institute of Molecular Health Sciences
- 2541 Institute of Molecular Plant Biology

**DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES****LZ 2330****(D-ERDW)**

- 2506 Institute of Geophysics
- 2704 Geological Institute
- 2725 Institute of Geochemistry and Petrology



**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS SCIENCE** **LZ 2350**  
**(D-USYS)**

- 2703 Institute of Agricultural Sciences
- 2717 Institute for Atmospheric and Climate Science
- 2720 Institute of Integrative Biology
- 2721 Institute of Biogeochemistry and Pollutant Dynamics
- 2722 Institute of Terrestrial Ecosystems
- 2723 Institute for Environmental Decisions

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY** **LZ 2070**  
**(D-HEST)**

- 2518 Institute for Biomechanics
- 2535 Institute of Human Movement Sciences and Sport
- 2540 Institute of Translational Medicine
- 2542 Institute for Neuroscience
- 2701 Institute of Food, Nutrition and Health

**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND ECONOMICS** **LZ 2120**  
**(D-MTEC)**

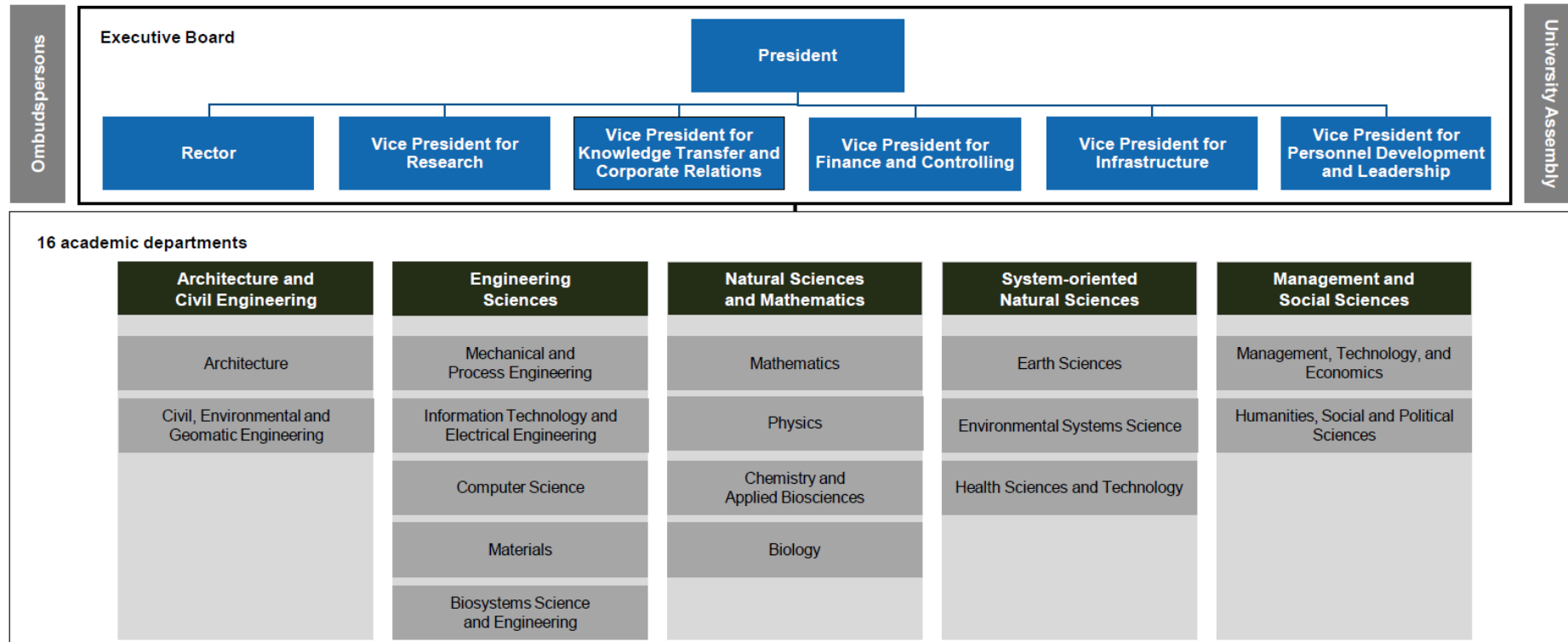
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**DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES** **LZ 2045**  
**(D-GESS)**

- 2526 Institute of History
- 2527 Institute of Behavioural Sciences

# ETH Zurich Organisation Chart

Executive Board and academic departments  
1 September 2022



# ETH Zurich Organisation Chart

Executive Board central administrative units, teaching and research facilities outside the academic departments  
1 September 2023

