La Direction de l'Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne,
based on Art. 3, par. 1, item a. of the Ordonnance sur l'EPFZ et l'EPFL of 13 November 2003¹,
hereby adopts the following:

Section 1 General provisions

Article 1 Subject
The present Ordinance defines the structure of the Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne
(EPFL), the organisation and decision-making powers of its Direction, Schools, Colleges and
Central Services.

Article 2 Structure and headquarters
¹ The EPFL is made up of the Direction, EPFL Assembly, Schools, Colleges, EPFL ME,
Teaching Staff Conference and Central Services.
² The EPFL is based in Ecublens (Vaud).

Section 2 EPFL Direction

Article 3 Composition and organisation
¹ The EPFL Direction is composed of the following members²:
  a. President;
  b. Vice-President for Academic Affairs;
  c. Vice-President for Innovation and Technology Transfer;
  d. Vice-President for Information Systems;
  e. Vice-President for Planning and Logistics.
² The Vice-President for Academic Affairs deputises for the President when necessary.
³ The EPFL Direction may appoint a Secretary General who co-ordinates the activities of
the Direction, and a General Counsel who acts as legal adviser and is responsible for risk
management on an institutional level. They participate in EPFL Direction meetings in an
advisory capacity for matters that concern them.
⁴ The Vice-Presidents may appoint a Deputy Secretary General for the management of their
domain. The latter participate in EPFL Direction meetings in an advisory capacity for matters
concerning them.

Article 4 Decision-making powers
¹ The EPFL Direction has the following tasks in particular:
  a. it adopts the rules and regulations of the Schools on the proposal of the School
Deans. This proposal must be approved by the School Council;
  b. it approves, on the proposal of the School Deans(s) concerned, the creation or
abolition of Institutes, Centres, Laboratories and Chairs;

¹ RO 2004 319, RS 414.110.37.
² Tous les termes représentant des fonctions désignent des personnes des deux sexes.
c. it approves, on the proposal of the School Dean concerned, the creation and abolition of academic curricula;

d. it makes decisions in its capacity as employer on behalf of EPFL personnel;

e. it ensures the participation of social partners within the units for all general matters relating to personnel;

f. it appoints the other members of the School Direction in accordance with the procedure defined under Art. 14;

g. it is responsible for occupational health and safety;

h. it is responsible for general communication at the EPFL;

i. it appoints Section Directors on the proposal of the School Dean concerned;

j. it is responsible for risk management and internal financial control;

k. it may set up a strategic committee and a scientific council.

2 It holds regular discussions with the EFPL Assembly and Teaching Staff Conference.

3 It delegates one of its members for discussions with the EFPL Assembly at each of its meetings and with the Teaching Staff Conference at regular intervals.

**Article 5 President**

1 The President assumes overall responsibility for the EPFL and is answerable to the EPF Board for his management.

2 He assumes the Presidency of the EPFL Direction.

3 He allocates the financial resources provided for within the scope of the budget to EPFL Direction members and School Deans.

4 He appoints the School Deans, in accordance with the procedure defined under Art. 15.

5 He prepares, in agreement with the School Dean concerned, the appointment of full, associate, tenure track assistant, assistant and adjunct professors.

6 He appoints, in agreement with the School Dean concerned, senior scientists and lecturers.

7 He confers academic titles on junior faculty members.

8 He may delegate the authority stipulated under par. 5, 6 and 7 to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

**Article 6 Vice-President for Academic Affairs**

1 The Vice-President for Academic Affairs coordinates academic teaching among the Schools and education at all levels.

2 He negotiates on behalf of the EPFL during the recruitment and establishment of faculty members.

3 He supports research activities.

4 He is responsible for scientific documentation and libraries.

5 He represents the EPFL for academic affairs.

6 He promotes health and safety within the framework of educational and research activities.

7 He allocates financial resources within the scope of the budget at his disposal.
Article 7  Vice-President for Innovation and Technology Transfer
1 The Vice-President for Innovation and Technology Transfer promotes and develops relations between research, the economy and society. He promotes continuing education.
2 He allocates financial resources within the scope of the budget at his disposal.

Article 8  Vice-President for Information System
The Vice-President for Information Systems is responsible for:
1 The governance of information systems, IT platforms and services and the corresponding resources for the whole of EPFL.
2 Supervising, maintaining, developing and promoting the EPFL IT infrastructure for teaching, research and services.
3 IT security and archiving.
4 Developing scientific information and online teaching.
5 Allocating financial resources within the scope of the budget at his disposal.

Article 9  Vice-President for Planning and Logistics
1 The Vice-President for Planning and Logistics manages and plans all resources allocated to education, research, technology transfer and services.
2 He is responsible for health and safety in the workplace.
3 He is responsible for creating and maintaining the value of movable and immovable assets and ensures their effective and appropriate use.
4 He allocates financial resources within the scope of the budget at his disposal.

Section 3  Schools and Colleges
Article 10  Definition and tasks
1 Schools are teaching and research units. They report to the EPFL Direction.
2 They are responsible for education within the framework of the School’s teaching programmes. They provide teaching in other programmes in agreement with the Schools concerned.
3 The Section is responsible for the academic curricula leading to the Bachelor and Master degrees respectively.
4 The Schools draw up research and technology transfer strategies.
5 They encourage and support transdisciplinary initiatives in collaboration with other Schools and academic institutions.
6 They manage their human and financial resources.

Article 11  List of Schools
The EPFL comprises the following Schools:
   a. Architecture, Civil and Environmental Engineering (ENAC);
   b. Computer and Communication Sciences (IC);
   c. Engineering (STI);
   d. Basic Sciences (SB);
   e. Life Sciences (SV).
Article 12   Organisation
1 The School's organisation comprises the School Direction, School Council, Sections, Institutes, Centres and General Services.
2 Institutes are composed of Chairs and Laboratories.
3 A Centre is composed of a group of professors whose aim is the promotion of joint research, teaching and technology transfer projects in a scientific discipline or on a transdisciplinary theme. Professors from other EPFL Schools and other universities may be members of a Centre.
4 The School Council, comprising an equal number of representatives from each group, is chaired by the School Dean.

Article 13   Colleges
1 The EPFL comprises the College of the Humanities and the College of Management of Technology and the EPFL ME College. Provisions governing the Schools apply by analogy to Colleges, insofar as the latter are not governed by other specific legal provisions.
2 The official language of EPFL ME is English.

Art. 13A   Abrogated

Article 14   School Direction
1 The School is directed by the School Dean.
2 The other members of the School Direction are appointed by the EPFL Direction on the proposal of the School Dean; this proposal must first be approved by the School Council.
3 The term of office of the Dean and other members of the School Direction is renewable.

Article 15   Appointment of School Dean
The School Dean is appointed for a term of four years by the EPFL President, on the proposal of an appointments committee selected and instructed by the EPFL President, in which each group is represented by a member designated by the School Council concerned.

Article 16   School members
The following persons belong to the School to which they are attached:
   a. teaching staff;
   b. assistants, scientific staff and PhD candidates;
   c. students and auditors enrolled at the EPFL;
   d. administrative and technical staff.

Section 4   EPFL Assembly

Article 17
1 The EPFL Assembly is the highest participatory body.
2 It makes sure that all EPFL members have the opportunity to participate. It particularly ensures the correct functioning of the School Councils and the smooth progress of consultations organised by the EPFL Direction.
3 It submits proposals to the EPFL Direction.
Section 5   Central Services

Article 18
The Central Services carry out administrative and technical tasks, and tasks related to the
general running of the institution and teaching, research and technology transfer support for the
EPFL as a whole.

Section 6   Final provisions

Article 19   Coming into force
The present Ordinance comes into force on 1st March 2011, Status as at 1st september 2012,
version 1.3.

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