

# HIGH COUNCIL DECISION N. 6/2021

of 23 June 2021

## laying down the composition of the European University Institute's Academic Council

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### THE HIGH COUNCIL

Having regard to the Convention setting up a European University Institute (hereinafter the "EUI" or "the Institute"), in particular Articles 9(1), 9(4) (a) and (b), 6(5) (a);

Having regard to High Council Decision No. 5/98 of 12 June 1998 amending Decision 2/84 on discussion and voting in Academic Council;

Having regard to High Council Decision No. 1/87 of 4 June 1987 determining the composition of the Academic Council;

Having regard to High Council Decision No. 2/84 of 24 May 1984 establishing the discussion and decision-makings procedures of the Academic Council;

Having regard to the President's Decision No. 7/2021 of 3 February 2021 regarding attendance to the Academic Council and Executive Committee;

Having regard to the discussion at the Executive Committee on 27 January 2021;

Having regard to the recommendations made by the Academic Council at its meeting on 17 February 2021;

Having regard to the discussions at the Strategic Standing Committee on 25 February 2021;

Whereas:

- 1) It is important to ensure fruitful collegial discussions and deliberations within the Academic Council, while retaining ownership on the part of the whole faculty;
- 2) The experience gained and future perspectives both call for adapting the current composition of the Academic Council, in order to simplify logistics and to shorten the time spent by the whole faculty in governance meetings;
- 3) It is appropriate to consider developments at the EUI to make the Academic Council's composition more inclusive of new categories of learners and academics;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1 Ordinary format*

1. The Academic Council in the ordinary format shall mainly:
  - (a) discuss the content and the organisation of research and teaching activities;
  - (b) examine new academic initiatives;
  - (c) discuss yearly evaluations of academic units and programmes;
  - (d) prepare discussions in plenary meetings.
  
2. According to Article 9(3) of the Convention, the following shall be members of the Academic Council in the ordinary format:
  - (a) the Principal;
  - (b) the Secretary General;
  - (c) the Heads and Directors of Academic Units;
  - (d) the Deans;
  - (e) three full-time members of the teaching staff elected by each academic unit;
  - (f) one representative for fellows;
  - (g) four representatives of doctoral researchers, one for each department;
  - (h) one representative of STG students, this number will be brought to two when the STG will reach 150 students;
  - (i) one representative of academic assistants and research fellows;
  - (j) one representative of the support staff;
  - (k) the Director of the Academic Service.

If necessary, additional members shall be appointed by the Academic Council in the plenary format acting on a proposal by the President.

*Article 2 Plenary format*

1. The Academic Council in the plenary format shall be dedicated mainly to:
  - (a) deliberations on strategy and foresight;
  - (b) the introduction of new professors;
  - (c) the overall performance of the EUI;
  - (d) the interdisciplinary research clusters.
  
2. Apart from the members of the ordinary format indicated in Article 2, the following shall be members of the Academic Council:
  - (a) all full-time members of the teaching staff;
  - (b) the Director of the Library;
  - (c) the Director of the Historical Archives of the European Union.
  
3. The Academic Council will meet in plenary format at least twice a year. Meetings can also be called by one quarter of its members.

*Article 3 Restricted format*

1. The Academic Council in the restricted format will meet to nominate the heads of department, the interdisciplinary centre directors, the professors and lecturers to be engaged as full-time members of the teaching staff of the Institute.
2. The Academic Council in the restricted format according to Article 9 (5) (e) of the Convention shall include members of the teaching staff who have at least equal status with the persons concerned.
3. For each faculty appointment and before the vote takes place:
  - (a) the President, as chair without a vote of Recruitment Committees, asserts the regularity and the fairness of the process;
  - (b) the Head of the hosting academic unit reports in a qualified manner on the work of the selection Committee and on the views of the unit's faculty on the proposed appointment.

*Article 5 Invitees*

The President may invite other persons to attend a specific meeting, with voice but no vote.

*Article 6 Secretariat*

The Secretariat is ensured by a member of the EUI designated by the President who attends all meeting formats of the Academic Council.

*Article 7 Entry into force*

This Decision enters into force on the date of its adoption.

Done in Florence, 23 June 2021

For the High Council

*The President*

(original signed)

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