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Chapter 1 General Provisions concerning the Organisation and Administration of the Amsterdam Law School

Article 1

These regulations govern the organisation and administration of the Amsterdam Law School. Annex A constitutes an integral part of these regulations; Annex B does not constitute an integral part of these regulations.

Article 2

The Amsterdam Law School comprises the following bodies and official functions:

- a. the Dean
- b. the Vice-Dean
- c. the Departments, the Sections therein and the Chairs thereof
- d. the *College of Law*, the *PPLE College*, the *Graduate School of Law* and the Directors thereof
- e. the Eggens Institute for Legal Postgraduate Education
- f. the *Amsterdam Research Institute for Legal Studies* (ARILS) and the Director thereof
- g. the Degree Programmes and the Directors thereof
- h. the Research Centres and the Directors thereof
- i. the *Programme Committees*
- j. the Student Council
- k. the Works Council
- l. the Examinations Board
- m. the Standing Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Professors
- n. the Standing Committee for Career Paths and Tenure Tracks

Article 3

The following forms of consultation have been established at the Amsterdam Law School:

1. the Executive Council, which concerns itself with day-to-day executive and policy decisions, comprises the Dean, the Directors of the *Graduate School of Law*, the *College of Law* and the *PPLE College*, the Research Director, the Director of Operational Management and two to three student members.
2. Department Chair Consultation, which concerns itself with *Human Resource Management* and financial policy, takes place on a monthly basis with the participation of the Dean, the College and Graduate School Directors, the Research Director, the Director of Operational Management and the Department Chairs.
3. The Council of the *Graduate School of Law* and the Council of the *College of Law*, whose membership is regulated in Art. 25, second paragraph. The Councils meet at least three times annually.
4. The Research Council, in which the Research Director and the Directors of the Research Centres participate. Consultation, with the regular participation of the Dean, takes place on a bi-monthly basis and focuses on matters that affect research at the Amsterdam Law School.
5. Strategic Consultation, with the participation of the Dean, the Directors of the College and Graduate School, the Research Director, the Director of Operational Management, the Department Chairs, the Programme Directors and the Directors of the Research Centres. Consultation takes place twice annually and is intended to harmonise and coordinate Amsterdam Law School policy and to prepare decisions that concern research, teaching and personnel management. The Works Council and the Student Council are provided with the agenda and meeting documents for each Strategic Consultation, which may be attended by a delegation of no more than two participants from each Council.
6. Departmental Consultation, with the participation of at least the Dean, the Department Chair and the Director of Operational Management; Section Heads may be invited to participate in

the consultation depending on the agenda. Consultation takes place twice annually and focuses on the administration of, teaching and research in, and personnel decisions taken by individual Departments.

Chapter 2 The Dean

Article 4 (art. 16 Management and Administration Regulations)

1. The Dean is charged with the general management of the Amsterdam Law School. He is additionally charged with its administration, with organising teaching and the pursuit of scholarship at the Amsterdam Law School, and, insofar as prescribed by the Act, with performing other tasks and exercising other rights and powers at the Amsterdam Law School.
2. The Executive Board appoints the Dean for a term not to exceed five years. He may be reappointed immediately thereafter. The Executive Board has the right to suspend and dismiss the Dean. The Dean possesses the title of Professor.
3. The Dean contributes to the administration of the University *inter alia* by consulting with the Executive Board regarding the preparation of the Strategic Plan and the budget.
4. The Dean is entitled to put forward nominations to the Doctorate Board for the conferral of honorary doctorates (*honoris causa*).
5. The Dean represents the Amsterdam Law School in its contact with the Executive Board and also acts as the Amsterdam Law School 's external representative.
6. The Dean oversees a system of quality control for education, research, and administration and management.
7. The Dean promotes open administration at and mutual consultation within the Amsterdam Law School.
8. The Dean supervises all that takes place at the Amsterdam Law School and ensures that the Amsterdam Law School is organised in such a way that the Dean can exercise this task efficiently and effectively.

Article 5

1. The Dean can designate *one* of the College and Graduate School Directors or the Research Director to act as Vice-Dean. The Vice-Dean assists the Dean in the execution of the Dean's duties.
2. Pursuant to Article 17 of the Management and Administration Regulations, the Dean is empowered to mandate an individual to exercise part of the rights and powers specified in Article 4 on his behalf with the exception of the right specified in Article 4(4); this can be an individual from within the Amsterdam Law School or, with the permission of the Executive Board, from outside the Amsterdam Law School. The Dean's decision is brought to the attention of the Executive Board and announced to the Amsterdam Law School without delay.
3. Pursuant to art. 17 of the Management and Administration Regulations, the Dean is at all times empowered to amend or revoke the exercise of rights and powers mandated to the individuals specified in the first and second paragraphs and to act directly or through another party without amending or revoking the mandate.

Article 6 (art. 18 Management and Administration Regulations)

1. The Dean is charged by the Executive Board with exercising rights and powers on the Executive Board's behalf that concern operational management within the Amsterdam Law School. Subject to the conditions specified in the Standard Operational Management Mandate (*Standaardmandaat Bedrijfsvoering*) as adopted by the Board, the Dean can mandate an individual under his authority to exercise those rights and powers.
2. The Dean can mandate the Director of Operational Management, who is also head of the Faculty office and Education Service Centre to exercise the rights and powers that concern operational management subject to the conditions stipulated by the Executive Board in this regard.
3. The Executive Board is at all times authorised to amend or revoke the authority mandated on the basis of the previous paragraph and to act directly or through another party without amending or

revoking the mandate. Decisions pursuant to the previous sentence may not be taken until the Dean has been consulted unless the Board deems the case urgent.

Article 7 (art. 19 Management and Administration Regulations)

1. The Dean and the person referred to in Article 6, first and second paragraphs, furnishes the Executive Board with information upon request. They also furnish information concerning operational management to any persons designated by the Executive Board upon request.
2. The Dean is accountable to the Executive Board for the way in which powers are exercised and the way in which those powers are exercised on the Dean's behalf.

Article 8 (art. 20 Management and Administration Regulations)

The Dean is responsible for ensuring that cooperation between the Departments and the Institutes, in their mutual relationships, is aimed at:

- a. implementing the Teaching and Examination Regulations, the Law School' and research Programmes and the other activities related to teaching and research;
- b. the effective utilisation of the resources provided;
- c. the sustainable development of the human resources, of the subject areas within the Faculties and of the knowledge in those subject areas.

Article 9

1. The Dean supervises the way in which the members of the Departments contribute to the activities of the Educational Institutes and the Research Institute. The Dean may give instructions and directions for the consultation referred to in Article 16, first paragraph.
2. The Dean decides, in the case of persons who are not part of a Department of the Amsterdam Law School, which persons participate in the activities of an Institute.

Article 10

The Dean is authorised to set up advisory committees to provide the Dean with recommendations. He appoints and dismisses the members and sets out their activities.

Article 11

1. The Dean establishes an examinations board for the *College of Law* and the *Graduate School of Law*. This board is competent with respect to the study programmes offered by these institutes. He establishes a separate examinations board for the *PPLC College*.
2. The Dean appoints the members of the boards referred to in the first paragraph for a term not to exceed three years. The members of the examinations boards are appointed from among the personnel who are responsible for providing education in the degree programme.
3. The Dean is empowered to suspend and dismiss the members of the boards referred to in the first paragraph.
4. Programme Directors and the Directors of the College and Graduate School are ineligible for membership in an examinations board.
5. The Examinations Board appoints examiners for the purpose of holding examinations. Only staff members responsible for providing education in the degree programme in question and also experts from outside the institution may be appointed to act as examiners. Examiners provide the Examinations Board with information upon request.
6. The Examinations Board establishes rules pertaining to proper procedure during examinations and the measures to be taken in this respect, e.g. in the event of fraud. The Examinations Board can issue guidelines and instructions to examiners with regard to the holding of examinations.

Article 12

1. The Dean establishes Teaching and Examination Regulations for each degree programme annually. To this end, he seeks the advice of the Programme Committee, the Examinations Board, the College *casu quo* Graduate School Director, the Programme Director and the Works Council. He seeks the approval of the Student Council (FSR) and the Programme Committee for the Teaching and Examination Regulations in the areas prescribed by the (Dutch) Higher Education and Research Act.
2. The Dean regularly assesses the Teaching and Examination Regulations. In making this assessment, he takes into account the annual assessment by the Programme Committee of the manner in which the Teaching and Examination Regulations have been implemented, as referred to in Article 9.18, first paragraph under “b”, of the Act.
3. The Dean establishes additional rules on obtaining exemption from the diploma requirement pertaining to the diplomas that grant access to a degree programme or an examination, or that specify which subjects need to have been examined in order to receive the diploma that grants access to the degree programme or examination.

Article 13

1. Under his Chairmanship, the Dean will establish a Standing Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Professors.
2. The Dean appoints the members of the committee referred to in the first paragraph for a term not to exceed three years. Members may be reappointed immediately thereafter.
3. The Standing Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Professors advises the Dean in any case concerning:
 - a. chair and Special Chair profiles;
 - b. professorship nominations;
 - c. the establishment of Special Chairs;
 - d. policy on the appointment of Professors;
 - e. proposals to recruit and commence tenure track positions aimed at professorial positions;
 - f. proposals for career paths aimed at professorial positions;
 - g. assessments of employees, both interim and in the penultimate year of tenure track agreements aimed at professorial positions;
 - h. assessments of employees within the scope of career paths aimed at professorial positions.

Article 13a

1. The Dean will establish a Standing Committee for Career Paths and Tenure Tracks.
2. The Dean appoints the Chair and the members of the committee referred to in the first paragraph for a term of office not to exceed three years. Members may be reappointed immediately thereafter.
3. The Standing Committee for Career Paths and Tenure Tracks advises the Dean in any case concerning:
 - a. proposals to recruit and commence tenure track positions, except for professorial positions;
 - b. assessments of employees, both interim and in the penultimate year of tenure track agreements, except for agreements aimed at professorial positions;
 - c. proposals for career paths of academic staff, except for career paths aimed at professorial positions;
 - d. assessments of employees within the scope of career paths, except for agreements aimed at professorial positions;
 - e. proposals to turn temporary employment into permanent, except for professorial positions.

Article 14

All decisions that the Dean takes with regard to the *PPLE College* are taken in due observance of the Administration Regulations for the College of the interdisciplinary degree programme in *Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics (PPLE)*.

Chapter 3 The Departments

Article 15

1. The academic staff of the Amsterdam Law School is assigned to its various Departments.
2. The Amsterdam Law School comprises the following Departments:
 - a. Labour Law and Information Law
 - b. Jurisprudence
 - c. Public International Law and European Law
 - d. Private Law
 - e. Public Law
 - f. PPLE
3. The Departments are charged with the development of the respective subject areas for which they have been established and for ensuring the advancement and qualification of their respective members.
4. The members of the Department also contribute to the activities of the Colleges, the Graduate School and the Research Institutes.
5. The remaining staff belong to one or more of the support units within the Amsterdam Law School (support and management staff (OBP) capacity group).
6. The Dean may decide that persons who perform work in the academic subject area of a Department at the Amsterdam Law School but who are not employed by the University are nonetheless part of that Department.

Article 16

1. The Programme Directors, the Directors of the Research Centres, the Research Director – for staff whose research is not performed within the context of a research centre – and the Chair of the respective Departments (or the Section Heads, if they are responsible for this task) determine jointly which members of each Department's staff participate in the Educational or Research Institutes' activities. Before such a determination is made,
 - a. the Chair of the Department concerned hears the arguments of the staff members of that Department who are under consideration for the activities concerned;
 - b. the Programme Director hears the arguments of the staff members of the Department who are under consideration for the activities concerned;
 - c. the Director of the Research Centre and the Research Director – for staff whose research is performed outside the context of a Research Centre - hears the arguments of the members of the Department who are under consideration for the activities concerned.
2. If no consensus is reached, the Dean decides, having heard the arguments of the staff member concerned, the Department Chair and the Programme Director or the Director of the Research Centre concerned, and after having been advised by the College *casu quo* Graduate School Director or the Research Director.
3. In the event of the situation described in Article 20, the Dean decides which staff members will perform support duties for an Institute, Department or other part of the Amsterdam Law School with due regard to the procedure described in that article.
4. The Directors of the Institutes provide the Chair of the relevant Department with information about each staff member's performance.

Article 17

1. Each Department is headed by a Department Chair. The Dean appoints the Department Chair, who holds the position of Professor, for a term of no more than three years. The Department Chair may

be reappointed immediately thereafter. The Dean may, in special circumstances, dispense with the requirement that the Department Chair hold the position of Professor.

2. The power to suspend or dismiss a Department Chair lies with the Dean.
3. The Department Chair is entrusted with the management and organisation of the Department, including the monitoring of the manner in which the Department contributes to the development of the respective subject areas for which they have been established, with the regular assessment of the functioning of its members and if and to the extent that the Dean has decided, with other aspects of operational management that concern the personnel.
4. The Department Chair organises the activities of the Department and assigns them in consultation with the Chair holders (*leerstoeelhouders*).
5. The Department Chair ensures that the Department's income and expenditures are in balance.
6. The Department Chair is accountable to the Dean and provides the Dean with information upon request.
7. The Department Chair promotes openness, open administration, mutual consultation within the Department, and adequate communication with the staff members of the Department.
8. The Department Chair regularly convenes meetings of the Department to which all staff members of the Department are invited.

Article 17a

1. Departments may be divided into sections on the basis of substantive relationships, with Section Heads, who operate under the authority of the Department Chair.
2. The Department Chair can submit a proposal for initiating or changing the division into sections to the Dean.
3. The Dean appoints the Section Head for a term of no more than three years. The Section Head may be reappointed immediately thereafter. The Section Head preferably holds the position of Professor.
4. The power to suspend or dismiss a Section Head lies with the Dean, having consulted with the Department Chair.
5. The Section Head is entrusted with the management and organisation of the Section, including in any case:
 - determining and dividing the activities of the Section in consultation with the Chair holders and, if and to the extent that the Section Head is instructed to do so by the Dean in consultation with the Department Chair;
 - the regular assessment of the functioning of its members;
 - other aspects of operational management that concern the personnel;
 - monitoring how the Section is contributing to the development of the academic disciplines for which the Section was set up;
 - the responsibility for ensuring that the income and expenditure for the Section are balanced.
6. The Section Head is accountable to the Department Chair and provides the Department Chair with information upon request.
7. The Section Head promotes openness, open administration and mutual consultation within the Section, and adequate communication with the staff members of the Section.
8. The Section Head regularly convenes meetings of the Section to which all staff members of the Section are invited.

Chapter 4 Support Services

Article 18

1. The Amsterdam Law School comprises a support and management staff capacity group (OBP). Staff members employed at the Amsterdam Law School who are not staff members of a Department but who perform work for a Department, an Institute or in another part of the Amsterdam Law School, make up part of the support and management staff capacity group OBP.
2. The support and management staff capacity group OBP performs tasks in support of management, operational management, teaching, and the pursuit of scholarship.

Article 19

1. The support and management staff capacity group OBP is headed by the Director of Operational Management.
2. The Director of Operational Management is authorised to exercise the personnel mandate as referred to in Article 3, first paragraph, and under b., c. and d. of the Standard Operational Management Mandate with respect to the members of the capacity group on behalf of the Dean. The Director of Operational Management is accountable to the Dean. He provides the Dean with information concerning the capacity group OBP upon request.
3. The Director of Operational Management promotes openness, open administration, mutual consultation within the capacity group OBP, and adequate communication with the staff members of the capacity group OBP.

Article 20

1. The Director of Operational Management and the Director of an Institute, the Chair of a Department or the person in charge of the management of another part of the Amsterdam Law School, determine in joint consultation which staff members perform tasks in support of the Institute, Department or other part of the Amsterdam Law School. The Dean may issue further guidelines for this consultation. In the absence of agreement, the Dean decides, after hearing the Director of Operational Management, the Director of the Institute, the Chair of the Department or the person in charge of the management of another part of the Amsterdam Law School.
2. The Director of the Institute, the Chair of the Department or the person in charge of the management of another part of the Amsterdam Law School provides, upon request, the Director of Operational Management with information on the functioning of each staff member referred to in the previous paragraph.

Chapter 5 The Educational Institutes

Article 21

1. The Amsterdam Law School comprises four educational Institutes:
 - a. for Bachelor's programmes: the *Amsterdam College of Law* and the *Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics College PPLE*;
 - b. for Master's programmes and for PhD candidates: the *Amsterdam Graduate School of Law*;
 - c. for executive education: the Eggens Institute.
2. The *College of Law*, the *PPLE College* and the *Graduate School of Law* are charged by the Dean with the execution of the Teaching and Examination Regulations that apply to the respective programme. The schools can be entrusted by the Dean with the task of providing education that is not part of a programme.
3. The Dean provides for the management and organisation of the *College of Law*, the *PPLE College* and the *Graduate School of Law*.

Article 22

The Dean determines to which *Colleges* or *Graduate School* a programme at the Amsterdam Law School is assigned. The Dean determines which other *Colleges* or *Graduate Schools* are also charged with the execution of a part of the curriculum, as provided for in the Teaching and Examination Regulations. For institutes outside the Amsterdam Law School, prior agreement must be reached with the Dean concerned or with the Executive Board if it concerns a university institute which does not fall under an Amsterdam Law School for which the Dean is charged with providing for the management, organisation and operational management of the institute.

Article 23

1. The educational institutes *Graduate School of Law* and *College of Law* are headed, respectively, by the Graduate School Director and the College Director, who are Professors at the Amsterdam Law School and who are referred to collectively as Directors of Education. The Dean may in special cases grant exemption from the requirement of Professorship.
2. A Director of Education is appointed, suspended and dismissed as such by the Dean in accordance with the procedure laid down in Annex A.
3. The term of office of a Director of Education may not exceed five years. He may be reappointed immediately thereafter.
4. Without prejudice to the powers of the Examinations Boards, the Dean entrusts the Directors of Education with:
 - a. the responsibility for the Master's and Bachelor's Programmes at the Amsterdam Law School and the education provided by the Amsterdam Law School.
 - b. supervising the implementation of the Teaching and Examination Regulations of the degree programmes that lie within the purview of the institute.
5. The Director of the Graduate School of Law is also charged by the Dean with responsibility for the coursework portion of PhD programmes and the supervision of its execution.
6. An educational institute can be entrusted by the Dean with the task of providing education that is not part of an Amsterdam Law School programme, as well as with activities in a social services context, whereby education for the benefit of the regular programmes always has priority.
7. A Director of Education is accountable to the Dean and provides the Dean with information upon request.
8. A Director of Education provides the Executive Board with information upon request. He brings the information to the attention of the Dean.

Article 24

1. Programmes offered by an educational institute are headed by a Programme Director.
2. A Programme Director is appointed, suspended and dismissed by the Dean in accordance with the procedure set out in Annex A.
3. The term of office of a Programme Director may not exceed three years. He may be reappointed immediately thereafter.
4. A Programme Director bears primary responsibility for the organisation and quality of the curriculum. He is responsible for the organisation and coordination of the education provided in the Programme and for the implementation of educational policy. A Programme Director is responsible, *inter alia*, for:
 - a. determining, in consultation with the Department Chair, which staff members from the Department are to participate in the activities of the Programme;
 - b. preparing the implementation of the Teaching and Examination Regulations of the Programme that the Programme Director directs;
 - c. supervising the implementation of the Teaching and Examination Regulations of the Programme that the Programme Director directs;
 - d. monitoring the quality of education provided in the Programme that the Programme Director directs;
 - e. providing the Programme Committee that has been established for the benefit of the Programme that the Programme Director directs with information on the execution of the Programme which is necessary for the performance of the duties of the Programme Committee.
5. A Programme Director provides information on the functioning of each staff member to the Chair of the staff member's Department.
6. A Programme Director provides information to the Director of Education.
7. A Programme Director promotes mutual consultation between the teachers who provide education in a Programme.

Article 25

1. Programme Directors contribute to the management of an educational institute, *inter alia*, by consulting with the Director of Education about the preparation and implementation of the educational policy of the Amsterdam Law School.
2. With a view to the consultation referred to in the first paragraph, a Council of the Graduate School of Law or a Council of the College of Law is established by the Dean in which at least the Director of Education, the student member of the Executive Council and the Programme Directors participate.
3. The Council of the *Graduate School of Law* and the Council of the *College of Law* meet at least three times annually.
4. The Council of the *Graduate School of Law* and the Council of the *College of Law* in any event concern themselves with the following matters:
 - a. the policy of the Institute;
 - b. the desirability of proposed amendments to the Teaching and Examination Regulations of the programmes that fall under the purview of the institutes;
 - c. the study success rates of the programmes;
 - d. the preparation for external assessments.

Article 26

1. The educational institutes receive recommendations from one or more advisory councils consisting of persons who are not employed within the Amsterdam Law.
2. The Dean appoints and dismisses the members of an advisory council after consultation with the Directors of Education.

3. The Dean may decide that an educational institution, in deviation from the first paragraph, does not receive recommendations from an advisory council. He immediately notifies the Executive Board of this decision.

Chapter 6 The Research Institute

Article 27

1. The Amsterdam Law School comprises one research Institute, the *Amsterdam Research Institute for Legal Studies (ARILS)*.
2. The Dean determines the Amsterdam Law School 's annual research programme after consultation with the Director of the Research Institute.
3. The Research Institute is entrusted by the Dean with the implementation of the Amsterdam Law School research programme.
4. The Research Institute may be entrusted by the Dean with research that is not part of the Amsterdam Law School research programme.
5. The Dean provides for the management and organisation of the Research Institute.

Article 28

1. The Research Institute is headed by the Director of the Research Institute, who is a Professor at the Amsterdam Law School, hereinafter referred to as the Research Director.
2. The Research Director is appointed, suspended and dismissed by the Dean in accordance with the procedure described in appendix A.
3. The Research Director is appointed for a maximum term of three years. He may be reappointed immediately thereafter.
4. The Research Director is entrusted by the Dean with:
 - a. responsibility for the research carried out within the Institute.
 - b. monitoring the implementation of the Amsterdam Law School research programme.
5. The Research Director is accountable to the Dean and provides the Dean with information upon request.
6. The Research Director provides the Executive Board with information upon request and brings the requested information to the attention of the Dean.

Article 29

1. The Research Institute comprises one or more Research Centres consisting of a research group and the researchers involved. The Dean determines - with due observance of the scope and academic quality of the research carried out by the research group - which research groups constitute Research Centres within the meaning of this article.
2. The programmes of the Research Centres serve to implement the Amsterdam Law School research programme.
3. A Research Centre is headed by a Director who possesses the title of Professor. The Dean may in special cases grant exception from the requirement of Professorship.
4. The Director of the Research Centre organises and coordinates the research in the Research Centre under the Director's control and is responsible for, *inter alia*:
 - a. drafting a research programme for the Research Centre every three years;
 - b. ensuring that the research programme of the Research Centre is carried out in consultation with the management of the Departments involved;
 - c. drafting the Research Centre's annual report;
5. The Director of a Research Centre provides information on the functioning of each staff member to the Chair of the staff member's Department.
6. The Director of the Research Centre provides information to the Research Director.
7. The Director of the Research Centre provides information to the members of the Research Centre and promotes mutual consultation.

Article 30

The Dean establishes regulations for the designation, organisation and assessment of the Research Priority Areas.

Article 31

1. The Directors of the Research Centres contribute to the management of the Research Institute, *inter alia*, by consulting with the Research Director about the preparation and implementation of the Amsterdam Law School's research policy.
2. With a view to the consultation referred to in the first paragraph, a Research Council is established by the Dean in which at least the Research Director and the Directors of the Research Centres participate. The Research Director represents the research outside the Research Centres.
3. The Research Council convenes every two months.
4. The Research Council, in any event, concerns itself with the following matters:
 - a. the Institute's policy
 - b. the preparation, amendment and regular assessment of the research programmes of the Research Centres;
 - c. the quality standards for the research carried out by the Amsterdam Law School;
 - d. reports to the Executive Board on the research conducted by the Amsterdam Law School;
 - e. preparation for and execution of external assessments;
 - f. advising the Department Chairs on staff appointments and competencies, taking into account the demand for research and the research budget.

Chapter 7 Programme Committees

Article 32

1. The Dean institutes a Programme Committee (*Opleidingscommissie*, or *OC*) for each of the following programmes or groups of programmes:
 - Bachelor of Law;
 - Bachelor and Master of Tax Law;
 - the Dutch-language Master's Programmes;
 - the English-language Master's Programmes;
 - the PPLE Bachelor's Programme; in principle, the disciplines of *Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics* are equally represented on this committee.
2. Half of the members of each Programme Committee are lecturers and half are students. The student members are selected from among students enrolled in the programme(s) in question. The lecturers are selected from among the staff responsible for teaching the relevant programmes(s).
 - OC Bachelor of Law: 5 lecturers and 5 student members
 - OC Tax Law: 4 lecturers and 4 student members
 - OC Dutch-language Master's programmes: 8 lecturers and 8 student members
 - OC English-language Master's programmes: 9 lecturers and 9 student members
 - OC *PPLE*: 4 lecturers and 4 student members
3. The Dean appoints the student members of a Programme Committee on the recommendation of a selection committee consisting of a student from the previous academic year's relevant committee, a lecturer from the previous academic year's relevant committee and the Chairperson of the current student council or his deputy.
4. The Dean appoints the staff members of the Programme Committee. Vacancies for staff members are circulated by the Dean within the faculty or, in case of vacancies for the degree programmes in *PPLE* as well as *Law and Finance*, the faculties involved. Employees who work within the Programme of the vacancy in question may stand for office. The Dean will consult with the Department Chair, the College / Graduate School Director and the PC Chair on any appointment proposal.
5. Lecturer members are appointed by the Dean for a maximum term of two years. Student members are appointed for a term of one year.
6. Lecturers and students may be reappointed immediately after their term has expired. After their initial term of office, they may be reappointed no more than twice more. The Dean may also reappoint members after their second reappointment in exceptional cases.
7. The Directors of Education, the Programme Director, the Department Chairs and the Chair and secretary of the Examinations Board are ineligible for membership in a Programme Committee.
8. The Dean suspends and dismisses the members of a Programme Committee either at the request of an individual member seeking his own dismissal or on a proposal from the Chairperson of the Programme Committee if a member repeatedly fails to attend meetings without providing a valid reason for his absence.

Article 33

1. A Programme Committee is charged with:
 - a. exercising the right to advise and consent in accordance with the Higher Education and Research Act;
 - b. annually assessing the implementation of the Teaching and Examination Regulations;
 - c. providing advice, whether solicited or not, on all matters relating to the education provided in the programmes;

- d. advising and providing support to the Directors of the *College of Law*, the *PPLÉ College* or the *Graduate School* with regard to the coordination of educational programmes and policy-making within the *College* and the *Graduate School*;
 - e. monitoring the quality of admitted and graduated students in the manner described in the UvA Manual for Programme Committees;
 - f. monitoring the quality of academic student counselling;
 - g. monitoring the continuity between the Bachelor's programmes and the corresponding Master's programmes.
2. A Programme Committee is given the opportunity to engage in consultation with the Programme Directors involved before issuing its advice.
 3. A programme committee is informed in writing as soon as possible of the manner in which the advice issued is being followed.
 4. A programme committee may request that the respective Programme Directors, the respective Directors of the *College of Law*, the *PPLÉ College*, and the *Graduate School*, or the Dean, attend two of its meetings annually to discuss proposed policy on the basis of an agenda drawn up by the committee.

Article 33a

1. The *Graduate Studies Committee* advises and provides support to the Dean, the Director of the *Graduate School* and the Director of ARILS concerning the doctoral programmes.
2. The Dean appoints the members of the *Graduate Studies Committee* after consultation with the Director of the Graduate School and the Director of ARILS.
3. In addition to the Director of ARILS, the *Graduate Studies Committee* in any case includes the faculty Programme Director of PhD in Law, the *PhD* Dean and three *PhD* candidates, at least one of whom is currently following a PhD programme and at least one of whom is member of the Central *PhD Council*.
4. The Director of ARILS is in his capacity as such a member of the Graduate Studies Committee. The other members of the Graduate Studies Committee are appointed for a period of two years.
5. The *Graduate Studies Committee* may request that the Dean attend two of its meetings annually.

Chapter 8 Students' Right of Complaint

Article 34 (art. 43 Management and Administration Regulations)

1. Pursuant to the Act or regulations based on it, a single - digital - service point has been established where students can submit a complaint, objection or appeal against a decision taken by a university body, or the absence thereof. Students are defined as: current, prospective and former students, and current, prospective and former external students.
2. The term for lodging a complaint, objection or appeal is 6 weeks.
3. The receipt of a complaint, objection or appeal is confirmed by email and, in the case of a complaint, directly passed on to the relevant complaints coordinator, or, in the case of an objection or appeal, directly passed on to Legal Affairs Department.

Article 35 (art. 44 Management and Administration Regulations)

1. An arbitration committee as referred to in art. 7.63a of the Act has been established for the purpose of handling student objections.
2. The arbitration committee is made up of an external Chair and two members and is appointed by the Executive Board.
3. Pursuant to the Act or regulations based on it, the arbitration committee issues advice to the Executive Board in respect of objections relating to decisions, or the absence thereof, other than those referred to in art. 7.61 of the Act.
4. Pursuant to art. 7:10, third paragraph, of the General Administrative Law Act (*Algemene wet bestuursrecht*), the Executive Board will take a decision within 10 weeks of receipt of the objection, without prejudice to the decisions taken on the basis of the procedure referred to in art. 7.63a, fourth paragraph, of the Act.

Chapter 9 Employee and Student representative advisory bodies

Article 36 (art. 40 Management and Administration Regulations)

1. Participation by University staff in decision-making takes place in accordance with the (Dutch) Works Councils Act (*Wet op de ondernemingsraden*).
2. The (Amsterdam Law School) Works Council is given the opportunity to issue an opinion on:
 - a. any intended decision to adopt a Policy and Management Covenant;
 - b. the budget and annual financial report of the Amsterdam Law School;
 - c. any intended decision to establish or amend the Teaching and Examination Regulations;
 - d. any intended decision to establish or amend the Amsterdam Law School research programme or the research programme of an interfaculty or University institute.
 - e. the intended decision to adopt or amend the Faculty Strategic Plan.

Section 25 of the Works Councils Act applies *mutatis mutandis*.

3. The Works Council is given the opportunity to issue an opinion on any intended decision by the Dean to appoint or dismiss a Director of an Amsterdam Law School institute, the Chair of a Department or the Director of Operational Management. Section 30 of the Works Councils Act applies *mutatis mutandis*.
4. The Dean must obtain the approval of the Works Council for each resolution by which the Dean proposes to adopt or amend:
 - a. the Faculty Regulations;
 - b. the creation or discontinuation of a degree programme.Article 27 of the Works Councils Act applies *mutatis mutandis*.

Article 37

1. Participation by students in decision-making takes place in the Student Council.
2. The Student Council has twelve members.
3. One (1) member of the Student Council is chosen to participate in the Central Student Council (*Centrale Studentenraad*).

Article 38

1. The Student Council is elected by and composed of students of the Amsterdam Law School in accordance with the third paragraph of this article.
2. For the election of the Student Council, student assistants and those who receive a stipend from the University for their doctoral theses without being employed by the University are considered students.
3. The students of the Bachelor's programme PPLE constitute an electoral district for four of the twelve seats on the Faculty Student Council (FSR); the students of the other programmes at the Faculty constitute an electoral district for eight of the twelve seats.

Article 39

Members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board, and the Dean, are ineligible for membership in the Student Council.

Article 40

1. Student Council elections are held by secret ballot. Students whose eligibility to vote is governed by Article 26 form a single electoral district.
2. Elections are held according to a party-list system.
3. Candidates may only be put forward for the electoral district to which they belong.

4. A person can be put forward as a candidate on only one (1) party list.
5. The signatures of at least 5% of the total number of voters in the electoral district concerned must be attached to its list of candidates; however, no more than five (5) signatures are ever required. Only voters who belong to the same electoral district as the candidates may attach their signatures to the list concerned.

Article 41

Elections to student councils are held in due observance of the Central Student Council and Faculty Student Council Regulations (*Kiesreglement Centrale Studentenraad en facultaire studentenraden 2006*), unless and insofar as those regulations, the Central Student Council Regulations or these Regulations provide otherwise.

Article 42

The term of office and the election date for each student council are determined by the Executive Board, on the understanding that the term of office of each council to be elected is announced at the same time as the elections are called. The minimum term of office is 10 months with a maximum of 24 months. If and to the extent that student council elections are delayed, the Executive Board may extend the term of office of an incumbent council by a maximum of three months.

Article 43

The decision to hold elections resides with the Executive Board.

Article 44

If a student council as a whole resigns before the end of its term and in the opinion of the Executive Board the length of the remainder of the term so demands, by-elections for a new council will be held. The members of the newly elected council step down when the members of the replaced council would otherwise have stepped down.

Article 45

Membership in the council is immediately terminated *ipso jure*:

- a. upon the end of the term of office;
- b. upon death;
- c. upon giving written notice of termination to the chairman of the council;
- d. upon loss of the status that enabled the member to stand for election;
- e. in the cases provided for in the Central Student Council Regulations.

Article 46

Members whose term of office has come to an end are eligible for re-election immediately thereafter.

Article 47

1. The council elects a chair and a deputy chair from among its members. After consultation with the council, the Dean provides the council with a secretariat.
2. If at a particular meeting or portion of a meeting an eminently personal interest of one of the members of the council is at stake, the Student Council may decide that the member concerned does not attend that meeting or portion thereof. The council then also decides that the matter in question will be dealt with in a closed meeting.
3. The council may adopt rules of procedure for the regulation of its activities.

4. The council ensures that the agendas and reports of the meetings of the council are sent to the Dean, the Central Student Council and the programme committees and made available for inspection by interested parties at a generally accessible location within the Amsterdam Law School.
5. The Student Council reports annually in writing on its activities and ensures that all those involved in the Amsterdam Law School can take note of the report.

Article 48

1. At the beginning of the academic year *casu quo* at the beginning of the Student Council's term of office, the Dean provides the Student Council, in writing, with the basic data relating to:
 - a. the organisation of the University and the Amsterdam Law School;
 - b. the Directors of the Institutes, the Chairs of the Departments, the Directors of the *College of Law*, the *PPLC College* and the *Graduate School*, and the members of the Programme Committees;
 - c. the main points of policy already adopted, in any case including the Amsterdam Law School Regulations, the Teaching and Examination Regulations of each programme and the annual research programme of the Amsterdam Law School;
 - d. the most recent annual assessment by the Programme Committee of the manner in which the Teaching and Examination Regulations of each programme are carried out;
 - e. the most recent report by the Dean to the Executive Board concerning the implementation of the Teaching and Examination Regulations for each programme and the annual research programme of the Amsterdam Law School;
 - f. the budgets available to the Institutes;
 - g. the annual financial statement for the past year, and covenants if any.
2. At least once a year, the Dean informs the Council in writing of the policies pursued by the Dean in the past year and of his policy intentions for the coming year with regard to the Amsterdam Law School in financial, organisational and educational terms.
3. The Dean provides the Student Council, whether or not he has been requested to do so, with all information that the Student Council reasonably requires for the acquittal of its duties.

Article 49

Student participation in decision-making at the Amsterdam Law School takes place in the Student Council, insofar as it is not reserved for the Central Student Council in accordance with Article 2 read in conjunction with Articles 11 and 12 of the Central Student Council Regulations.

Article 50

1. The Dean attends meetings of the Student Council if so requested by the Student Council.
2. The Student Council is afforded the opportunity to discuss the general course of affairs at the Amsterdam Law School with the Dean at least twice annually.
3. The Dean and the Council meet if requested to do so by the Dean or the Student Council, stating reasons, within three weeks after the request has been submitted.
4. The Student Council is authorised to submit proposals and express its views to the Dean with regard to all matters that concern the Amsterdam Law School. In response to the proposals referred to in the previous sentence, the Dean within one month submits to the Student Council a written, reasoned response framed as a proposal. Before submitting the response referred to in the previous sentence, the Dean affords the Student Council at least one opportunity to consult with him about his proposal.

Article 51

1. With due observance of the Management and Administration Regulations and the Central Student Council Regulations and insofar as the Central Student Council Regulations grant the Student Council the authority to do so, any proposed decision by the Dean requires the prior consent of the Student Council in the case of a decision concerning:
 - a. the Amsterdam Law School portion of the Students' Charter (*Studentenstatuut*);
 - b. the Faculty Regulations;
 - c. the distribution of resources by the Amsterdam Law School from the first flow of funds, if that causes the percentage of funds from the first flow of funds spent on education to decrease in relation to the existing percentagewise distribution of funds from the first flow of funds;
 - d. the distribution of resources from the first flow of funds, if that causes the percentage of funds spent on academic student counselling to decrease in relation to the existing percentagewise distribution of funds from the first flow of funds;
 - e. the discontinuation or establishment of a programme;
 - f. the Teaching and Examination Regulations, with the exception of:
 - the curriculum of the programme and the examinations associated with it;
 - the curriculum of the subject specialisations within a programme;
 - the calibre in terms of knowledge, insight and skills that a student must have acquired by the end of the programme;
 - the organisation of practical exercises;
 - the workload of a programme and of each of its components;
 - the additional rules referred to in articles 7.8b, sixth paragraph, and 7.9, fifth paragraph of the (Dutch) Higher Education and Research Act (*WHW*);
 - study programmes to which the provisions of article 7.4a, seventh paragraph, and article 7.9, first paragraph, of the *WHW* have been applied;
 - g. the way the Amsterdam Law School system of quality assurance is designed, and proposed policy with regard to quality assurance as included in the annual report in accordance with the Act;
 - h. The powers referred to under c, d, e and f of the previous paragraph apply during the period in which the Dean is authorised to issue binding study advice, but only insofar as the distribution of resources falls within the Dean's mandate, and the timing of the university budget is not affected.

Article 52

With due observance of the Management and Administration Regulations and the Central Student Council Regulations and insofar as the Central Student Council Regulations grant the Student Council the authority to do so, any proposed decision by the Dean requires the prior consent of the Student Council in the case of a decision concerning:

- a. matters relating to the continued existence and smooth running of the Amsterdam Law School;
- b. the subjects referred to in Article 51 under "f" to which the right of consent does not apply;
- c. substantial changes in education policy;
- d. the content of a management covenant to be concluded with the Executive Board;
- e. proposals on the part of the Dean for international cooperation in the field of education;
- f. adoption and amendment of the Amsterdam Law School budget;
- g. Amsterdam Law School library and computer facilities for students.

Article 53

1. A proposed decision as referred to in Articles 51 and 52 is submitted in writing to the Student Council.
2. Except in urgent cases, the Council decides to give or withhold its consent or to adopt a recommendation within thirty working days after the proposed decision referred to in the first paragraph has been submitted.

3. In the case of a decision as referred to in article 52, the Dean ensures that:
 - a. advice is sought at such a time that the advice can substantially influence the decision-making process;
 - b. the Council is given an opportunity to consult with the Dean before giving advice;
 - c. the Council is informed in writing as soon as possible of the manner in which the advice issued is being followed up;
 - d. if the Dean does not wish to follow the advice or does not wish to do so in full, the Council is given an opportunity to engage in further consultation with him before the decision becomes definitive.

Article 54

1. The Student Council promotes openness, open administration access and mutual consultation within the Amsterdam Law School to the best of its ability.
2. The Council guards against any and all discrimination in the Amsterdam Law School while promoting in particular the equal treatment of men and women as well as the inclusion of disabled people and members of ethnic minorities.
3. The Council exercises the corresponding powers of a works council pursuant to the Equal Treatment Act (*Algemene Wet gelijke behandeling*) and the Equal Treatment (Men and Women) Act (*Wet gelijke behandeling van mannen en vrouwen*).

Article 54a

1. The Works Council and the Student Council meet at least four times a year in a joint consultation meeting attended by the Dean.
2. The Works Council and the Student Council in turn select the person appointed to chair each joint consultation meeting.

Chapter 10 Transitional and Final Provisions

Article 55

1. The following definitions apply in these Regulations:
 - a. department: a department as referred to in Chapter 3
 - b. section: the section referred to in Chapter 3
 - c. operational management: the range of activities relating to the acquisition, provision, deployability and care or maintenance of the University's financial, human and material resources
 - d. the Executive Board: the Executive Board of the University
 - e. the Dean: the Dean of the Amsterdam Law School
 - f. Academic staff: the academic staff of the Amsterdam Law School (*Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid*)
 - g. student: a student at the Amsterdam Law School
 - h. (the) faculty: the Amsterdam Law School
 - i. (the) faculty regulations: the Amsterdam Law School's Regulations
 - j. institute: an educational institute or research institute as referred to in Articles 21 and 27
 - k. *College of Law, PPLE College, Graduate School of Law*: the educational institutes as referred to in Article 21
 - l. research institute: the research institute as referred to in Article 27
 - m. (the) Student Council: the student council as referred to in article 38 *et seq.*
 - n. (the) University: The University of Amsterdam (*Universiteit van Amsterdam*)
 - o. (the) Management and Administration Regulations: The University's administrative and management regulations, as referred to in Article 9.4 of the Act
 - p. (the) act: The (Dutch) Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*)
2. All other terms used in these Regulations that also appear in the Act have the meaning as ascribed to them in the Act.

Article 56

References in these Regulations to “he”, “him” and “his” may equally be read as “she” or “her” where appropriate.

Article 57

These Regulations may be referred to as the Faculty Regulations of the Amsterdam Law School. These Regulations enter into effect on the day after they are approved by the UvA Executive Board.

Annex A: Appointment Procedures

This annex constitutes an integral part of these Regulations

Appointment procedure for a Vice-Dean

1. The Dean consults the Department Chairs about the reputation of the Vice-Dean to be appointed.
2. The Dean submits for recommendation to the Works Council proposals for the appointment of a Vice-Dean.
3. The appointment is for a period of three years.

Appointment procedure for a College or Graduate School Director or an Amsterdam Law School Research Director

1. The Dean draws up a job profile specifying the preferred job attainment level, the preferred level of experience, an overview of the tasks, powers and responsibilities and the scope and intended term of appointment that apply to the position.
2. The Dean submits the job profile for a College or Graduate School Director to the Works Council and to the Student Council (*Facultaire Studentenraad*, or *FSR*) for their advice, and the job profile for a Research Director to the Works Council for its advice.
3. The Dean sets up a nomination advisory committee consisting of two Department Chairs and
 - a. in the event a Director of the *College of Law* is being recruited: The Director of the *Graduate School of Law* and a Programme Director; or
 - b. in the event a Director of the Graduate School of Law is being recruited: The Director of the *College of Law*, the Research Director and a Programme Director; or
 - c. in event a Research Director is being recruited: The Director of one of the Research Centres and the Director of the *Graduate School of Law*.
4. The job profile is widely advertised within the Amsterdam Law School.
5. Staff members may submit their own candidacy for the consideration of the nomination advisory committee.
6. Meetings of the nomination advisory committee are attended by the Dean.
7. The nomination advisory committee presents its choice of candidate to the Dean.
8. The Dean adopts a resolution to make the appointment and requests advice:
 - a. in the event a College or Graduate School Director is being recruited: from the Works Council and the FSR; or
 - b. in the event a Research Director is being recruited: from the Works Council.
9. The Dean effectuates the appointment.

Appointment procedure for a student member of the Executive Council (*Bestuurlijk overleg*)

1. The Executive Council draws up a profile specifying the preferred level, the preferred level of experience, an overview of the tasks, powers and responsibilities and the scope and intended term of appointment that apply to the position.
2. The Executive Council submits the profile to the FSR for its advice.
3. The Executive Council sets up a nomination advisory committee consisting of the Director of the College of Law or the Graduate School of Law, two members of the FSR and the Executive Secretary to the Board.
4. The candidate profile is widely disseminated among students at the Amsterdam Law School.
5. Students may submit their own candidacy for the consideration of the nomination advisory committee.
6. The nomination advisory committee presents its choice of candidate to the Dean.
7. The Dean effectuates the appointment.
8. The appointment is made in principle for a period of one year.

Appointment procedure for Programme Directors, Research Centre Directors, Department Chairs and Section Heads

1. The Dean draws up a job profile specifying the preferred job attainment level, the preferred background and level of experience, an overview of the tasks, powers and responsibilities and the scope and intended term of appointment that apply to the position.
2. The Dean submits the profile to and seeks the advice on a proposed appointment of:
 - a. in the event a Programme Director is being recruited: The College of Law or Graduate School of Law Director concerned and the Department Chair concerned; in the event the Director of a Research Centre is being recruited: The Research Director and a member of the Research Centre concerned; or
 - b. in the event a Department Chair is being recruited: The Director of Operational Management, the Director of either the College of Law or the Graduate School of Law or the Research Director and two staff members of the Department concerned, one of whom possesses the title of Professor.
 - c. in the event that a Section Head is being recruited: The Director of Operational Management, the Director of either the College of Law or the Graduate School of Law, the Department Chair and a member of the respective Section to be entreated by the Dean.
3. The Dean effectuates the appointment. In the event of the appointment of a Department Chair, the Dean submits the appointment to the Works Council for its advice. A time limit of three weeks applies within which the Works Council submits its advice.

Reappointment procedure for a Vice-Dean

1. The Dean consults the Department Chairs on the reappointment of the Vice-Dean.
2. The Dean submits the proposal for reappointment of the Vice-Dean to the Works Council for its advice.
3. Reappointment is for a period of three years.

Reappointment procedure for a College or Graduate School Director or a Research Director

1. The Dean establishes an advisory committee consisting of two Department Chairs and
 - a. for the reappointment of the Director of the College of Law: a Programme Director and the Director of the Graduate School of Law; or
 - b. for the reappointment of the Director of the Graduate School of Law: one Programme Director, the Research Director and the Director of the College of Law; or
 - c. for the reappointment of the Research Director: two research centre Directors and the Director of the Graduate School of Law.
2. The advisory committee advises the Dean on the intended reappointment.
3. The Dean adopts a resolution to reappoint and seeks the advice of
 - a. for the reappointment of the Director of the College of Law or the Graduate School of Law: The Works Council and the FSR; or
 - b. for the reappointment of the Research Director: The Works Council.
4. The Dean effectuates the reappointment.

Reappointment procedure for Programme Directors, Research Centre Directors, Department Chairs and Section Heads

1. The Dean seeks advice
 - a. for the reappointment of a Programme Director: from the Director of the College of Law *casu quo* the Director of the Graduate School of Law, and the Chair of the Department that employs the Programme Director, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the programme committee concerned; or
 - b. for the reappointment of the Director of a Research Centre: from the Research Director, a Department Chair and a senior staff member from the Research Centre concerned; or

- c. for the reappointment of a Department Chair: from the Director of Operational Management, a Professor and an associate Professor (senior university lecturer) from the Department concerned.
 - d. for the reappointment of a Section Head: from the Director of Operational Management, the Department Chair and a member of the respective Section to be entreated by the Dean.
2. The Dean makes the intended decision to reappoint and seeks advice:
 - a. for the reappointment of a Chair of a Department: from the Works Council.
For the advice of the Works Council, a time limit of 3 weeks applies.
3. The Dean effectuates the reappointment.

Annex B: Programmes

The *College of Law* comprises the following programmes:

- a. Bachelor of Law;
- b. Bachelor of Tax Law.

The *PPLE College* comprises the programme: *PPLE Bachelor (Politics, Psychology, Economics and Law)*.

The *Graduate School of Law* comprises the following programmes:

1. One-year programmes:
 - a. Labour Law;
 - b. *European Private Law*;
 - c. Tax Law;
 - d. Public Health Law (as of 1 September 2019);
 - e. Information Law;
 - f. *International Criminal Law*;
 - g. *International Tax Law, Principles, Policy and Practice*;
 - h. *International and European Law*;
 - i. *Law and Finance*;
 - j. Private Law;
 - k. Public Law.
2. Two-year programmes (until 31 August 2022):
 - a. *Information Law*;
 - b. *Public International Law*.
3. The Doctoral Programme



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