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Camille Galap elected President of Université Paris-Saclay

Camille Galap was elected president of Université Paris-Saclay by the university's Governing Board on Tuesday 11 June 2024. A university professor, Camille Galap was the university's provisional administrator from 2 March to 23 May 2024.

On Tuesday 11 June 2024, Camille Galap was elected president of Université Paris-Saclay by the members of the university's Governing Board (36 voting members) during the second round of voting, with 20 votes in favour and 5 blank votes. The Governing Board brings together university staff and student representatives, as well as external personalities. Two other candidates also stood for election: Yves Bernard, a university professor, obtained 11 votes, and Souhil Megherbi, also a university professor, withdrew his candidacy after the first round of voting.¹

During his first speech as president in front of the university's Governing Board, and as outlined in his statement of intent during his campaign, Camille Galap spoke of *"my recognised ability to listen to others, to foster dialogue, to rally and unite teams, and more generally, communities and institutions which I have had the honour of leading, which allows me to propose a daring, shared and appealing project and action plan."*

The new president then listed the seven main areas of his action plan: a renewed governance to successfully secure the creation of the *Grand Établissement* institutional status; dedicated human and financial resources to ensure the success of an ambitious academic project; research supported by a determined assertion of the university's strategic choices in its scientific policy; an ambitious and attractive full-time academic and continuing education course offer; a top quality student and campus life policy; a university deeply rooted in its local area, with close ties to the socio-economic world and open to international horizons; and a university which is committed to equality, diversity and the fight against all forms of discrimination.

"Université Paris-Saclay is at a pivotal moment in its history, with critical work to come in the short and medium terms. Accomplishing this programme will require a considerable amount of investment and motivation on my behalf, and in particular, will call on my ability to rally and unite all of the university's stakeholders. What motivates the implementation of this action plan is knowing that it contributes to student success, it gives research greater visibility and it promotes this great university in rapidly changing local, national and international environments", he concluded.

The institutional process will proceed in the coming weeks. In accordance with the university's statutes and rules of procedure, the president will propose the vice-presidents for the Governing Board, the Research Commission and the Education and University Life Commission.

¹ 1st round: Yves Bernard 12 votes; Camille Galap 18 votes; Souhil Megherbi 2 votes; 4 blank votes.
2nd round: Yves Bernard 11 votes; Camille Galap 20 votes; 5 blank votes.

Camille Galap's biography

With a PhD in biology from the Université du Havre, Camille Galap worked as a lecturer before becoming a professor in 2012. He was vice-president of the Council of Studies and University Life (CEVU) from 2000 to 2005 and was elected president of the Université du Havre where he served two terms between 2005 and 2012. During this time, he was also vice-president of the Conference for University Presidents (CPU) - now known as *France Universités*, where he chaired the Student Life and Social Affairs Commission from 2007 to 2012.

At the end of his time as university president, he became deputy head of the École supérieure de l'éducation nationale (ESENESR - known today as IH2EF) at Futuroscope in Poitiers, and later director of the CNED site (*Centre national de l'enseignement à distance*) in Rouen.

From 2015 to 2018, he was Chief Education Officer of the Guadeloupe regional academic authority, and then director of *Guadeloupe Formation*, a public industrial and commercial institution, responsible for professional training and orientation.

At the end of 2019, he became an advisor to sites and institutions of the French Ministry for Higher Education and Research.

Camille Galap was previously a provisional administrator at Université Jean Monnet at Saint Étienne from February to May 2021, and at ENS Paris-Saclay from July to December 2022. He was appointed provisional administrator of Université Paris-Saclay on 2 March 2024, by decree by the *rector delegate* (the French equivalent of a regional Chief Education Officer) for higher education and research in the Île-de-France area, until 23 May 2024.

ABOUT UNIVERSITÉ PARIS-SACLAY

Université Paris-Saclay was born from the shared ambition of French universities, grandes écoles and national research organisations. As a leading university in Europe and the world, it covers the fields of science and engineering, life sciences and health, and humanities and social sciences. The university's science policy closely intertwines research and innovation, incorporating both basic and applied science to tackle major societal challenges. Université Paris-Saclay offers a varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level degrees, including programmes with its grandes écoles, all of which are focused on achieving student success and employability. The university prepares students for an ever-changing world where the ability to think critically, remain agile and renew one's skills are crucial. Université Paris-Saclay also offers a comprehensive range of lifelong learning courses. Located to the south of Paris, the university extends across a vast and rich local area. Its location strengthens both its international visibility and its close ties with its socio-economic partners (major companies, SMEs, start-ups, local authorities, charities).

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