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Official report of 28 August 2024 by the Examination Appeals Board of Leiden University regarding the administrative appeal by:

against
the Examiner of ________, respondent.

Present:

O. van Loon, LL.M. (chair)
Dr A.M. Rademaker
P.C. Kemeling, LL.B.
T.E.V. Claessen, B.A.
J.J. But, LL.M. (member)
R.R. van der Vegt, LL.M. (secretary)

Course of the proceedings

The appellant lodged an administrative appeal against the decision regarding his grade for the examination of

The respondent submitted a statement of defence, and explained the decision at the hearing.

Considerations

The appellant disagrees with the award of a grade of 6.9 for the final examination of . His appeal relates to the

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assessment of question 2b and the, in his opinion, too short period for inspecting the examination.

As the Examination Appeals Board has previously observed, the assessment of an examination, assignment or thesis is the exclusive responsibility of the examiner appointed by the Board of Examiners for the relevant course component (see, for example, the decision in case no. CBE 23-007). This means that the Examination Appeals Board cannot make a judgement as to whether an answer given by the appellant is correct or not.

The respondent explained in the statement of defence and at the hearing that the assignment was assessed on the basis of a correction key. The Examination Appeals Board has no evidence that the assessments given for the various points do not support the final assessment. The Examination Appeals Board is also not aware of any prejudice on the part of the examiner towards the appellant.

With respect to the period for inspecting the examination paper, the Examination Appeals Board remarks as follows. The respondent opted for a (too) short period to inspect the examination and submit a re-evaluation request via ANS. This is all the more compelling because the defendant did not give notice, prior to opening the inspection period, of when and for how long inspection was possible. Given these circumstances, the respondent cannot reasonably expect that students will be able to make effective use of the inspection period. It will be logical in future to apply a longer inspection period and to inform students in good time of this period.

The Examination Appeals Board sees no reason to annul the decision on these grounds. At the hearing, the appellant indicated that he was affected by the short inspection period, but not as badly as fellow students. The Board also takes into account that the appellant had several discussions with the respondent regarding the assessment of his examination. He has already been able to address his concerns with the respondent. At the hearing it also did not appear that there were any further points the appellant wished to raise. The Board concludes that the interests of the appellant have not been harmed.

The administrative appeal is unfounded.

Decision

The Examination Appeals Board declares the administrative appeal unfounded.

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	O. van Loon. LL.M.,	R.R. van der Vegt, LL.M.
	Chair	Secretary
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