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Considerations with regard to the dispute

In accordance with Article 7.61, paragraph two, of the Higher Education and Academic Research Act (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*, hereinafter "WHW") the Examination Appeals Board must consider if the contested decision is contrary to the law.

The appellant has attended the Master's Programme in Computer Science (hereinafter: de Master's Programme) since study year 2022-2023. In that academic year, he achieved 12 ECTS. The Master's Programme is a two-year programme, which means that the appellant could have obtained 60 ECTS in academic year 2023-2024. The appellant has achieved 0 ECTS in that academic year. As such, she did not meet the progress requirement, which states that at least 50% of the number of credits to be obtained must be passed.

The appellant has a statement of functional impairment stating that he was seriously impaired in his studies due to personal circumstances from 1 September 2023 to 1 September 2024. The appellant raises these personal circumstances as an explanation for the lack of ECTS achieved.

The appellant has achieved 0 ECTS. Taking into account the statement of functional impairment, the appellant should have obtained about 20 ECTS to meet the study progress requirement. Therefore, the Examination Appeals Board holds that the gap between the appellant's study progress and the achievable progress based on the statement of functional impairment is too great. By not communicating to the Study Advisor and not appearing at the hearing the appellant was unable to explain his personal circumstances and the degree of inconvenience suffered as a result. This is the appellant's responsibility.

Consequently, the Examination Appeals Board holds that the respondent has reached the contested decision in a justified manner and on proper grounds. This means that the administrative appeal is unfounded and the contested decision will be upheld.

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The decision

The Examination Appeals Board of Leiden University

holds the administrative appeal unfounded

in view of article 7.61 of the Higher Education and Academic Research Act.

Established by a chamber of the Examination Appeals Board, comprised of: O. van Loon, LL.M, (Chair), Dr A.M. Rademaker, T.E.V. Claessen BA, J.J. But, LL.M., and S.H. Bartels, LL.B. (members), in the presence of the Secretary of the Board, E.M.A. van der Linden, LL.M.

O. van Loon, LL.M.
Chair

E.M.A. van der Linden, LL.M.
Secretary

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