Deviation from the rule of communicating examination results

Background
According to the Decision regarding the development of the spread of COVID-19 (reg. no. FS 1.1-677-20), all teaching that involves presence in university premises must be cancelled, postponed or replaced with alternative forms of teaching.

Umeå University’s Grading and examination regulations for first- and second-cycle studies, reg. no FS 1.1-2368-18, states that students must be informed of their examination results within 15 working days after the examination date regardless of mode of examination. For written assignments, laboratory reports or equivalent, the examination date is the same as the date of the hand-in deadline. A teacher’s illness or similar circumstances may not cause any delay, instead the department must find alternative solutions. The Swedish Higher Education Authority’s (UKÄ) guide Rättssäker examination (fourth edition) states that if universities assess that a grading decision will be considerably delayed, the university must, on its own initiative notify the student of the delay and give a valid reason for the delay.

The below decision follows the recommendation of UKÄ.

Decision
The Vice-Chancellor has reached the decision that, students must be notified of their examination results being considerably delayed in the case that the examiner, under the current circumstances due to COVID-19, cannot report the results within the given time frame.

The decision is valid from 23 March until 7 June 2020.

This decision was reached by Vice-Chancellor Hans Adolfsson after presentation by Academy Clerk Daniel Andersson.

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