Possibility to grant dispensation for practical course components within certain courses and programmes

Background
The Vice-Chancellor decided on 7 April to establish certain measures taken by the Extended Management Group from 12–20 March 2020 as a direct consequence of COVID-19. This since the Extended Management Group does not have the authority to make decisions. Instead, such decisions must be formally approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

In the above mentioned decision, it was mentioned from the Extended Management Group meeting on 20 March 2020, under the headline *Possibility to grant dispensation for practical course components within certain critical courses and programmes*, that the group decided that “deans can grant dispensation from *The decision regarding the development of the spread of COVID-19* (Reg. no FS 1.1-677-20) regarding carrying out certain practical course components on campus if they cannot be replaced by other methods, as long as the number of participants can be limited and the risk of spreading disease avoided. Granted deviations must be reported in writing to the Deputy University Director.”

On 10 April 2020, the Public Health Agency of Sweden published additional instructions to their previous recommendations for upper-secondary schools, higher education institutions and adult education to conduct instruction remotely instead of within the premises of the institution. The additional instructions state that “Practical tests and examinations that cannot be carried out remotely are excepted from the recommendation. These can be carried out in the intended premises given that the higher education institution or school has taken necessary precautions to reduce the risk of spreading disease.”

The Extended Management Group discussed the issue of tests and examinations at their meeting on 15 April 2020 and agreed to suggest to the Vice-Chancellor, not least as a direct result of the above quoted recommendations, to revise the decision from 7 April 2020 containing a rephrasing of the headline of the Extended Management Group’s meeting on 20 March 2020 to the following: *Possibility to grant dispensation for practical course components within certain courses and programmes*.

Decision
The Vice-Chancellor has reached the decision in the issue of dispensation for practical course components for certain educations of the following valid until 30 June 2020.

*Possibility to grant dispensation for practical course components within certain courses and programmes*
Deans can grant dispensation from the *Decision regarding the development of the spread of COVID-19* (Reg. no FS 1.1-677-20) regarding carrying out some practical course components on campus if they cannot be replaced by other methods, as long as the number of participants can be limited and the risk of spreading disease avoided.

Granted exceptions must be reported in writing to the Deputy University Director.

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

Hans Adolfsson
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