

# Ruling by the Examination Board of the Faculty of Law of Vrije Universiteit

## Course of events

On [date] the Examination Board received a notification by email from [coordinator] (hereafter: coordinator), course coordinator of the course [subject]. The notification states that there is a suspicion of plagiarism in the written assignment of student [student] (hereafter: student) for the second year course [subject]. Student has participated in the resit option for the written assignment (assignment "CEO EURAC (administrative body concept)"). The assignment was submitted via Canvas. The plagiarised work concerns a (different) assignment from academic year 2021-2022. The plagiarism score is 89,44%. To substantiate the suspicion, the Original report, the assignment by student and the plagiarised work were included in the notification.

The notification by coordinator was submitted for comment to student by the Examination Board. In addition student was invited to a hearing by the Examination Board on [date]. Student did not submit a written comment and did not attend the hearing. Coordinator did attend the hearing.

## Points of view

The point of view of coordinator is apparent from the notification.

## Considerations by the Examination Board

The Board has taken notice of the notification and the explanation given at the hearing.

Based on art. 18, sub 1, of the Rules and Guidelines, academic misconduct is defined as any act or omission by a student that partially or entirely precludes making an accurate assessment of the knowledge, understanding and skills of the student, or those of another student.

Based on art. 18, sub 3, under a, Rules and Guidelines, plagiarism includes using or copying another person's written work, data or ideas without providing full and appropriate source references; and under c paraphrasing the contents of another person's text without sufficient referencing of sources; and under e copying work from other students and presenting this work as one's own.

The Examination Board has determined that a significant number of passages in the written assignment by student literally match the passages in the plagiarised work, including the same grammatical errors and the same incorrect source reference. Additionally, the assignment refers to an outdated handbook.

The Examination Board concludes that student has committed plagiarism in the written assignment as defined in the Rules and Guidelines.

The academic misconduct is reprehensible, but the Examination Board takes into consideration that up to now student has not committed acts which have led to the imposition of a penalty.

## Sanction

The Examination Board allocates a zero to the writing assignment for the course [subject]. Additionally the student is not permitted to submit a new or corrected assignment for the course.

Thus has been decided on [datum].

On behalf of the Examination Board,

mr. T. Wisman  
*Secretary Examination Board*

An appeal against the decision by the Examination Board can be made with the Examination Appeals Board within 6 weeks of the date on which the decision was divulged. More information can be found on the [VU website](#). During the period that the sanction is in force it is allowed to participate in examination opportunities, but the results will not be registered unless an appeal has been lodged with the Examination Appeals Board and this appeal has been declared well-founded.