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SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

POLICY

STUDENT APPEALS

In accordance with MnSCU Board Policies, an Academic Standing Appeals Committee, Student Grade Appeals Committee, and Judicial Appeals Committee shall be established to guarantee students the right to appeal academic and disciplinary decisions.

The **Academic Standing Appeals Committee** shall hear appeals from students who are required to withdraw from the University for academic reasons and wish to be reinstated, and shall rule on all appeals involving admission and re-admission to the University, as well as those dealing with academic dishonesty.

The **Student Grade Appeal Committee** shall hear requests from students who wish to appeal a grade received in a course.

The **Judicial Appeal Committee** shall hear student appeals from the Student Association's Judicial Board or the Student Affairs Administrative Committee, and rule on all appeals involving student records.

All administrative procedures established to implement the above appeal agencies will adhere to the standards specified in MnSCU Board Policies and shall specifically include the following:

1. Students shall receive written notification of arrangements for appeal hearings and written notification of dispositions, with reasons, which result from an appeal hearing.
2. Students shall be advised of their following rights:
 - a. Students have the right to an advisor or counsel in preparing for hearings and/or to be present at appeal hearings.
 - b. Students have the right to appear at appeal hearings and present evidence or witnesses.
 - c. Students have the right to decline to be present at appeal hearings and may present evidence in writing. The University shall respect the right of an individual to refuse to testify against himself/herself.
 - d. The appeals agency shall not consider statements against the individual unless she/he is present when they are made or she/he is advised in writing of their content and the names of those who made them and unless she/he is given an opportunity to rebut unfavorable inferences which might otherwise be drawn.

The office of the Provost shall be responsible for establishing administrative procedures to implement this regulation as it applies to the Academic Standing Appeal Committee and the Student Grade Appeal Committee; the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs has responsibility as it applies to the Judicial Appeal Committee.

See also:

G-005.1 Academic Standing Appeals Committee

G-005.2 Student Grade Appeal Committee

G-005.3 Judicial Appeal Procedure and Committee