

Student Rules and Regulations Committee

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PROPOSAL

To better articulate the current practice and to enhance the clarification of this process.

JUSTIFICATION

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Present rule 50 with all changes: additions in red font, bold and underlined, deletions are struck.

50. Academic Suspension and Blocks

(Revised: 1995)

~~The decision as to which procedure to utilize for a grievance filed by a student shall be made solely by the university and shall be based on the fact pattern of each particular case. Each grievance shall be directed to a specific procedure and shall be accorded only one opportunity to be adjudicated unless the appeal body remands for further review.~~

Rules

Rules regarding academic suspension and academic blocks are listed in [Part I, Academic Rules](#).

Grievance Procedures

50.1 An undergraduate student who has been blocked from continued enrollment in his or her college or suspended or dismissed from the university for scholastic deficiency may file an appeal with the [Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel](#). Upon being blocked, suspended or dismissed, the student shall be informed by his or her Dean or designee of the procedures for filing this appeal.

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~~50.2 A graduate student who has been blocked from continued enrollment in his or her college or suspended or dismissed from the university for reasons of scholastic deficiency, or other causes specified in the rules of Texas A&M University, may file an appeal with the [Graduate Appeals Panel](#). Upon being blocked, suspended or dismissed, the student shall be informed by the Office of Graduate Studies of the procedures for filing this appeal.~~

50. Academic Suspension and Blocks

(Revised 2015)

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50.1 Rules

Rule regarding academic suspension and academic blocks are listed in Part I. Academic Rules, including Student Rule 12 Scholastic Deficiency/ Probation.

50.2 Scope

A student may appeal an adverse decision concerning academic suspension or blocks on the grounds that the respondent's decision was arbitrary, capricious or prejudicial. In the appeal process, the burden of proof shall be upon the student.

50.3 Definitions

In this rule, the following words have the following definitions and no other:

"Adverse decision" means a decision by a faculty member or administrator that negatively impacts the student and for which the student wishes to pursue a grievance under this rule.

"Arbitrary" means no reasonable factual basis for reaching the conclusion or taking the action.

"Capricious" means unpredictable and subject to whim.

"Faculty" means an individual holding a position in which the primary title includes the word "professor," "instructor," "lecturer," or "librarian" regardless of other rank of appointment qualifiers associated with the title. Appointments with the word "dean" or "provost" with or without a specified faculty rank higher than assistant professor are normally tenured faculty appointments.

"May" means a condition that is not required to be met; it is discretionary. Contrast "shall."

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"Prejudicial" means irrational attitude of hostility directed against an individual. This does not include hostility on the basis of any legally protected status that is addressed through Student Rules 45-47.

"Respondent" means the faculty member, instructor, or administrator who made the decision.

"Shall" means a condition that must be met. Contrast "may."

"Student" means an individual undergraduate, ~~graduate, or professional~~ student enrolled at the university who is the subject of an adverse academic decision.

50.4 Grievance Procedures

50.4.1 An undergraduate student who believes that a decision of dismissal from a college or major or suspension from the university reflects a capricious, arbitrary, or prejudiced evaluation must follow the resolution procedures and deadlines described in Student Rule 57 Undergraduate Academic Appeals Panel.

50.4.2 A graduate or professional student who believes that a decision of dismissal from a college or major or suspension from the university reflects a capricious, arbitrary, or prejudiced evaluation must follow the resolution procedures and deadlines described in Student Rule 59 Graduate Academic Appeals Panel.