



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 64-107

The Student Senate  
64th Session  
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Crystal Usher, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Sponsored By: Academic Affairs Chair Brody Smith, Off Campus

Action Taken

PASSED  
April 18, 2012

Certified By:

Tanner Wilson  
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

**VETO**  
Jeff Pickering  
Student Body President  
  
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### Grade Appeal Policy Act Special Designation: Act of the Senate

*"An act establishing the procedures for a grade appeals for students removed from SGA."*

- Whereas(1):** An appeal process for students removed from SGA is not outlined in the Constitution or the acts of the code; and,
- Whereas(2):** SGA currently utilizes an appeal process that does not exist; and,
- Whereas(3):** SGA is the only student organization that subjects all its members to a grade policy; and,
- Whereas(4):** The current appeal process allows a member of SGA that has been removed to appeal in the event the member believes he/she has experienced extenuating circumstances.



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Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That the following shall be added as Title V, Chapter 106 to the Student Government Association Code:

## CHAPTER 106 – GRADE APPEAL AND REMOVAL POLICIES

Updated April 18, 2012

*Added by S.B. 64-XX*

### ARTICLE I. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

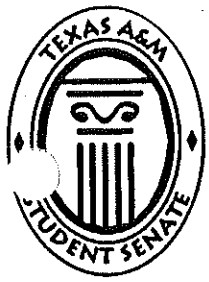
**SECTION I.** Legislative intent of this particular article

- (a) The Student Senate intends this Article to establish an official procedure for the removal of SGA members due to violation of the SGA grade policy the ability to appeal their removal.

### ARTICLE II. REMOVAL AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

**SECTION I.** Grade Checks

- (a) All members of SGA will be subject to grade checks each semester.
- (1) Grades for each semester shall be checked by one of the SGA Advisors, or by the Administrative Coordinator for SGA.
- (b) If a student fails to meet grade requirements, the student shall be notified via his or her official TAMU email account of his or her grade deficiency.
- (1) The student shall be notified by one of the SGA Advisors.
- (2) This notification shall contain a copy of this entire Article.
- (3) If the student does not respond to this notification within seven (7) calendar days, or the student cannot be contacted or declines to appeal within that time frame, that student shall be automatically removed. The SGA Advisor should make a reasonable effort to contact that student, and may notify the chief student leader of the committee or commission in which the student is a member, but the lack of such additional notification shall not be considered grounds for an appeal in Judicial Court.



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### SECTION II. Appeals

- (a) Any student removed from SGA due to violation of the SGA grade policy may appeal his or her removal.
- (b) Filing an Appeal
  - (1) A student has seven (7) calendar days after his or her notification of a grade violation to file an appeal with the primary advisor of SGA.
  - (2) A student may request an endorsement from his or her organization's advisor or chief student leader as support for his or her appeal.
    - (i) The organization's advisor or chief student leader may decline to submit an endorsement; however, the lack of any endorsement shall not be held against any appellant.
- (c) Appeal Board
  - (1) The appeal board shall be composed of five members: the Chief Justice of the Judicial Court, another Associate Justice of the Judicial Court, the Executive Cabinet member who is responsible for academic affairs as appointed by the Student Body President, the Academic Affairs Chair of the legislative branch, and the Administrative Coordinator for SGA.
    - (i) The Chief Justice shall oversee the proceedings and shall only vote in the event of a tie.
    - (ii) The Administrative Coordinator shall be a non-voting member of the Board, and shall provide any necessary or relevant information to the other members.
  - (2) The appeals board shall judge whether the student has experienced extenuating circumstances that resulted in the student falling below the required grade point average.
  - (3) Information including the appellant's grades, appeal, and endorsements shall be provided to the student members of the appeal board by the Administrative Coordinator for SGA.
  - (4) All voting members of the appeal board shall vote whether to grant the appeal, deny the appeal, or abstain.
  - (5) The appeal board is required to provide the student with a decision about the appeal within seven (7) calendar days of the submission of the appeal.
  - (6) The decision of the appeal board is binding and may only be overturned by the Judicial Court on the grounds that the processes in this Article were not followed correctly in a way that substantially harmed the appellant.

### SECTION III. Execution of this Particular Article

- (a) The Student Body President, or his or her designee, shall faithfully execute the policies described in this Article.
- (b) The Student Body President shall, at minimum, review the appeals conducted during each grade check cycle to ensure that this policy is fairly implemented.