Recommendation of the University Committee on procedures to be used in grade appeals by students.

A student may appeal a grade on the grounds that it is based on a capricious or arbitrary decision of the course instructor. Such an appeal shall follow the established procedures adopted by the department, college, or school in which the course resides. Upon receipt of a recommendation made by the person or body designated to hear such appeals, the appropriate Dean has the authority to implement the recommendation. Recommendations regarding grades for graduate students shall be directed to the Dean of the Graduate School.

Any further appeal by the student or instructor shall be directed to the office of the appropriate dean. The Dean shall seek the advice of the departmental executive committee before making a decision. After such consultation, the Dean has the final authority to alter the grade.

Rationale: This legislation removes existing ambiguities concerning the authority to alter a grade judged to have been assigned in a capricious or arbitrary manner. Professional peer evaluation is ensured by requiring the Dean to obtain the advice of the departmental executive committee.

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