

**The Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies
Resolution to revise the policy on Graduate Academic Appeals**

CGPSP 2025-26E

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WHEREAS, the current Graduate Catalogue does not explicitly specify a defined time period within which graduate students must initiate academic appeals, including but not limited to grade appeals; and

WHEREAS, the committee reviewed the existing policy related to graduate academic appeals and determined that establishing a clear and reasonable deadline would promote fairness, consistency, and administrative clarity for students, faculty, and academic units; and

WHEREAS, the committee further concluded that one academic semester provides sufficient time for a graduate student to initiate an appeal following receipt of an academic decision; and

WHEREAS, aligning appeal deadlines with the regular academic terms (fall and spring) ensures transparency and ease of implementation;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Graduate Catalogue be amended to include the following policy language regarding the initiation of graduate grade appeals:

The student must initiate a grade appeal as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the next academic term of the regular academic year (i.e., fall or spring), as outlined below.

Semester When Grade Was Received Appeal Filing Deadline (Last Day of Class)

Spring Semester	Fall Semester
Summer Semester	Fall Semester
Fall Semester	Spring Semester

Semester When Grade Was Received Appeal Filing Deadline (Last Day of Class)

Winter Semester

Spring Semester



AP Faculty Senate Comments

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3/4/2026

The A/P Faculty Senate Policies and Issues Committee has reviewed and approves/endorsees CGPSP 2025-26E - Resolution to revise the policy on Graduate Academic Appeals.

Although the resolution received majority approval and endorsement from the A/P Faculty Senators, we are providing all submitted comments for your awareness and thoughtful consideration. A formal response to these remarks is not required:

I would not endorse current form, but approve the general idea as it goes through revision process. In current form, the deadline is set at the final date of the following semester to initiate an appeal for a grade awarded the previous semester. This seems wildly impractical, e.g. grade awarded Dec. 18, appealed May 8 the following semester.



Staff Senate Comments

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February 13, 2026

Staff Senate has reviewed CGPSP 2025-26E and agrees that defining the period of time for academic appeals is an improvement.

Staff Senate has no further questions or comments.

Thank you,

Gabe Petry, Chair, Staff Senate Policies and Issues Committee