Student Grievances

Grievances often grow out of misunderstandings or misperceptions between students and faculty regarding expectations for performance or behavior. Disagreements related to student-faculty relations should be settled informally, via open and transparent processes of communication facilitated by a department chairperson or a program director. Occasionally, however, a disagreement between a student and a faculty develops and persists despite the application of informal procedures to resolve the matter. When all means of finding an informal resolution have been exhausted, the parties involved have an impartial and transparent forum in which to seek review and resolution of the academic grievance.

The formal undergraduate and graduate academic grievance definitions and procedures are addressed in separate policies and procedures. Please refer to the Undergraduate Student Academic Grievance Definitions and Procedures section of the Student Handbook. Faculty are encouraged to thoroughly review and understand the academic misconduct procedures. The grievance procedure for discrimination cases is somewhat different as the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs investigates such cases. A copy of the policy on complaints regarding illegal discrimination can be obtained from the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs.