

Appeal Coversheet

Per Section II.A.18 of the Student Judicial Charter of 1997, the responding student has the right “to appeal an adverse decision (bases for appeal are defined in Section III.H.1).”

Responding Student Information

Name: _____ SUID Number: _____

Date of Hearing: _____

Bases for Appeal

Per Section III.H.1 of the Charter, a responding student may appeal on any /all of the five bases below. Please check all that apply to your appeal. *For each basis cited, please provide an explanation of how that basis applies to your case.*

- Demonstration of a significant procedural error.
- The availability of compelling new evidence. (*See bylaw below.)
- Demonstration of bias on the part of a member of any Judicial Panel involved in the case.
- Misconduct on the part of the Judicial Officer or the Judicial Advisor.
- Demonstration that any rights of the responding student enumerated in [the] Charter have been violated.

Appeal Timeline

- The deadline to file an appeal is **one month** from the date of the Judicial Panel hearing.
- All documentation in support of an appeal must be submitted with the appeal by the deadline.
- The Office of Community Standards will make every effort to respond officially within **20 days** of receipt.
- If desired, a responding student may submit a counter-response—addressing only points raised in the official OCS response—within **10 days** of the official OCS response.
- The Final Appeals Panel hearing will be scheduled for the earliest possible date after these deadlines.

The Final Appeals Panel

The Final Appeals Panel will review all material submitted for appeal. It will determine if the circumstances presented are sufficient to constitute a basis or bases for appeal. Upon completion of its review, the Final Appeals Panel will have five options, per Section III.H.3 of the Charter:

1. To deny the appeal.
2. To return the case to the original Judicial Panel.
3. To convene a new Judicial Panel to rehear the case.
4. To reduce the sanctions.
5. To dismiss the original charges.

The decision of the Final Appeals Panel is final.

*Per the Bylaw on Compelling New Evidence: “NEW EVIDENCE means evidence that the Final Appeals Panel determines was not available to the student or known or reasonably discoverable by the student at the time of the Judicial Panel hearing. (That is, evidence does not become new at the appeals level if the student could have but did not—for whatever reason—present it to the Judicial Panel.) COMPELLING NEW EVIDENCE means evidence that the Final Appeals Panel determines is not only NEW but also evidence that likely would have changed the Judicial Panel’s decision(s).”