

Part 6 Academic Appeals

Section 1 Appeals Against an Assessment Board Decision

- 1.1 A student may appeal against:
 - 1.1.1 the final result determined by the assessment board in respect of a course.
 - 1.1.2 the outcome of an RPL reconsideration as per Part 4, Section 7, Clause 7.3.
 - 1.1.3 a decision to not allow re-enrolment in a programme or course under Part 3, Section 12, Clause 12.2 and 12.3.
- 1.2 Any such appeal may only be made if it can be shown that
 - 1.2.1 additional information has become available which was not available, and could not reasonably have been made available, to the assessment board at the time it made its original decision.
 - 1.2.2 there was a material irregularity in the conduct of the assessment, or in the assessment board or board of studies procedures.
- 1.3 Any such appeal must be lodged with the dean (or representative) within 14 days of the time at which the result of the course was made available to the student.
- 1.4 Where an appeal is made under Clause 1.1 above the following procedures shall apply:
 - 1.4.1 The dean (or representative) shall determine whether the notice of appeal complies with Clause 1.2 above.
 - 1.4.2 Where the notice of appeal complies the dean (or representative) shall refer the appeal to the faculty appeals committee.
 - 1.4.3 The faculty appeals committee shall inform the student of the procedures that will be followed and the date for the faculty appeals committee meeting.
 - 1.4.4 The faculty appeals committee shall obtain a report from the assessment board.
 - 1.4.5 The student shall be invited to make a submission and appear before the faculty appeals committee.
 - 1.4.6 The student may be accompanied to any hearing by a member of AUTSA and/or a person of their choice.
 - 1.4.7 The faculty appeals committee shall consider the report from the assessment board and any submissions from the student.
 - 1.4.8 The faculty appeals committee may either uphold or dismiss the appeal, and may confirm, raise, or lower the appealed result.
 - 1.4.9 The decision of the faculty appeals committee shall be notified to the student, the faculty board and the assessment board.
 - 1.4.10 The decision of the faculty appeals committee shall be final.

Section 2 Thesis and Dissertation Appeals

- 2.1 A student may appeal against the outcome of an examination for a thesis or dissertation.
- 2.2 Any such appeal may only be made if it can be shown that
 - 2.2.1 additional information has become available which was not available, and could not reasonably have been made available, to the assessment board at the time it made its original decision.
 - 2.2.2 there was a material irregularity in the conduct of the assessment or in the examination procedures.
- 2.3 Any such appeal must be lodged with the University Postgraduate Board within 3 months of the date of notification of the result.
- 2.4 The Chair of the University Postgraduate Board shall determine whether the notice of appeal complies with Clause 2.2 above.
- 2.5 The University Postgraduate Board shall submit the case for review within 3 months of the date of receipt of the appeal.
- 2.6 The appeal shall be considered by a review panel established by the University Postgraduate Board.
- 2.7 The panel shall be comprised of persons who have experience of supervising and examining postgraduate degrees and who have had no previous involvement with the student or are not members of the University Postgraduate Board.
- 2.6 If the review panel agrees that a student has valid grounds for the appeal it may recommend a review of the outcome or a re-examination of the thesis by an existing examiner(s) or a new examiner(s) be appointed.