

The University of Michigan
REGENTS COMMUNICATION
REQUEST FOR ACTION

Subject: Request to modify the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities
Action Requested: Approval
Effective date: Immediately following approval

Background:

The Office of the Vice President for Student Life proposes one change to the Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, which is the primary policy that governs student non-academic misconduct. Attached as an Appendix is a redline of the proposed change.

The proposed change would restore an appeals board to the Statement's appellate process. An appeals board consists of one student, one faculty member, and one administrator. Their role is to review the outcome of a hearing and make recommendations to the Vice President for Student Life. Once assembled, the appeals board will have seven academic calendar days to review and render a recommendation to the Vice President for Student Life. In July 2024, the Board of Regents voted to remove the appeals board in an effort to streamline and simplify the Statement. This change reinstates the pre-July 2024 language regarding appeals and provides timeframes to govern the appellate process.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve this policy change. We recommend that any future modifications to this clause in the Statement be governed by the standard amendment protocol set forth in section "J" of the Statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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President
October 2025



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Vice President for Student Life
October 2025

Appendix

Current Statement Language	Proposed Statement Language New language in red
<p>An appeals process is an essential safeguard for an imperfect human process that attempts very hard to be fair. The appeals process is available to each party. Appeals may be filed for the following reasons: proper procedures were not followed, the evidence clearly does not support the finding(s), outcomes/interventions are insufficient or excessive relative to the violation, or there is new evidence not reasonably available at the time of the hearing. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the RC within five (5) academic calendar days after the RO submits its written decision. The RC will determine whether there are grounds for an appeal. If so, the Vice President for Student Life, or their designee, will serve as the Appeals Officer. The Appeals Officer, after reviewing the relevant information to the matter, will issue a written decision within five (5) days of the RC approving grounds to appeal. The written decision may sustain or reverse the finding of responsibility; modify the assigned sanction(s); and/or order a new hearing. This decision is final.</p>	<p>An appeals process is an essential safeguard for an imperfect human process that attempts very hard to be fair. The appeals process is available to each party. Appeals may be filed for the following reasons: proper procedures were not followed, the evidence clearly does not support the finding(s), sanctions/interventions are insufficient or excessive relative to the violation, or there is new evidence not reasonably available at the time of the hearing. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the RC within five (5) academic calendar days after the RO submits its written decision. The RC will determine whether there are grounds for an appeal. If so, the Vice President for Student Life, or their designee, will serve as the Appeals Officer. The Appeals Officer, after reviewing the relevant information to the matter, will issue a written decision within five (5) days of the RC approving grounds to appeal. The written decision may sustain or reverse the finding of responsibility; modify the assigned sanction(s); and/or order a new hearing. This decision is final. notification of the Dean of Students' decision to accept or modify the recommendations resulting from the hearing. The VPSL may waive the five-day (5) limitation when a late submission is reasonable. The appeal will be reviewed by an Appeals Board composed of one student appointed by the Central Student Government (CSG), one faculty member appointed by the Faculty Senate, and one administrator appointed by the President. CSG, the Faculty Senate, and the President will each appoint one alternate member to the Appeals Board. Within seven (7) academic calendar days, the Appeals Board will recommend one of the following actions to the VPSL: (a) confirming the decision made through the hearing process, (b) altering the sanctions/interventions, (c) striking the initial finding of responsibility and/or</p>

	<p>sanctions/interventions and remanding to the original fact-finder for further consideration with corrective instructions from the Appeals Board, or (d) ordering a new hearing before a new fact-finder. Within five (5) academic calendar days of receiving the recommendations from the Appeals Board, the VPSL, or their designee, may accept or modify the recommendation(s).</p>
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