

Resolution 2011-8. On Revising the Grounds for Grade Appeals

The Faculty Council enacts:

The first paragraph of the regulation on Grade Appeals, as published in the 2011-12 Undergraduate Bulletin, is amended as follows:

“The grades of H, HP, P, LP, L, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, PS, F, FA, F*, and numerical grades in the Law School are considered to be permanent grades. Once reported, the instructor’s grade report may not be changed except under certain conditions. For a grade change to be considered, it must be based upon one or more of the following grounds and upon allegation that the ground or grounds cited influenced the grade assignment to the student’s detriment:

- Arithmetic or clerical error
- Arbitrariness, possibly including discrimination or harassment based on ~~race, sex, religion, or national origin~~ the race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran’s status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression of the student
- Personal malice
- Student conduct cognizable under the Instrument of Student Judicial Governance

A grade appeal must be made no later than the last day of classes for the succeeding fall or spring semester.”

Comment: University Counsel advises that the current language of the Grade Appeals policy is not consistent with the wording of the University’s Policy on Prohibited Harassment and Discrimination. It is recommended that the two policies should be congruent, and that the change be made effective for the upcoming final examination period.