

SENATE STUDENT APPEALS

WHAT IS A SENATE STUDENT APPEAL?

You may appeal a decision made by a faculty council or petitions committee to the **Senate Student Appeals Committee**, but only if you have first exhausted the appeals procedures at the faculty level

WHEN CAN I APPEAL?

You have **30 days** from the date you received your initial decision to submit an appeal to the **Senate Student Appeals Committee**

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

You must include a succinct written summary, including the terms of appeal, the specific decision in question, grounds for appeal, a summary of evidence, and a number of other pieces of documentation required by the [Procedures for Considering a Student Appeal](#)

The [Student Rights Advisory Committee](#) can assist you with this process

HOW DO I APPEAL?

Appeals to the Senate Student Appeals Committee must be submitted through the [online form](#) to the office of the Vice-President: Academic

For full details, consult the [Procedures for Considering a Student Appeal](#)

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NEW EVIDENCE

Evidence relevant to the decision made by the faculty council or petitions committee, but through no fault of your own was not presented or considered at that level

SUBSTANTIAL PROCEDURAL IRREGULARITY

Evidence of substantial irregularity in the consideration of the case which violates or nullifies University, Faculty, or Department procedures; an unwritten but recognized custom in the Faculty's handling of similar cases; or a violation of the principles of fairness

CONSIDERATION

The **Senate Student Appeals Committee** will first determine within 20 business days of your submission whether there are sufficient grounds for the appeal

You will be informed in writing whether or not the Committee will hear the appeal

HEARING & DECISION

You have the right to request an oral hearing if desired, or your attendance may be requested

Deliberation will be conducted confidentially and you will be informed of the decision within 15 business days of the hearing

Your appeal may be referred back to the faculty council for reconsideration, denied, or granted in full or partially with the committee potentially substituting its own decision

[Visit Laurier's Procedures for Considering a Student Appeal for an extensive explanation of the process](#)