

**[SNIPPET OF]
Minutes SREC April 8, 2015**

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The SREC discussed several matters referred it by the Senate Council. The recommendations and rationale are given below.

3. College of Health Science Student Appeals Process

Recommendation: SREC recommends that SC return the proposal to CHS for major revision which address the issues listed below. Specifically, SREC recommends that this process be revamped as an optional, mediation process to facilitate the current due process available to all students. Any revisions should be sent to SREC for initial review.

Furthermore, SREC notes that, according to current CPE definitions, the existing CHS Policy on Probation and Suspension (SR 5.3.2.2) pertains only to their professional program, Doctor of Physical Therapy, but not to their bachelor's and graduate degree programs. CHS has no Dismissal Policy on file with the Graduate School.

Rationale: The committee identified major inconsistencies with SRs and University policy. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- The Grade Appeal process given in the proposal implies that the Program Director, the Assistant Dean, or the Academic Standing Committee can cause a 'change of grade'. The Instructor of Record has the sole authority to assign grades with the exception that a grade may be changed by the UAB if it finds that the 'grade was assigned other than in good faith'.
- The proposal is not clear regarding whether or not this Appeals Process would be optional or mandatory. This raises the question of whether or not a College Faculty has the authority to force students through this process when SRs guarantee the student's right of appeal through the Academic Ombudsman (SR 6.4.4).
- The proposed process does not recognize the role and authority of the Dean of the Graduate School in the dismissal of graduate students.
- Limiting participation in campus activities other than classroom meetings may require action by the Dean of Students