## **Grade Appeals Policy**

All grade change requests must be brought by the student to the course/clerkship director. If there is a discrepancy after the meeting between the student and course/clerkship director, the student should present the issue to the Senior Associate Deans of Curricular and Student Affairs.

The Senior Associate Deans of Curricular and Student Affairs will ensure that due diligence was done by the course/clerkship director and that, in fact, no error was made. The Associate Deans will also explain the grade appeals process to the student. If the student wishes to pursue a grade appeal, the Associate Deans will contact the relevant Department Chair.

The Department Chair will establish a faculty committee to address the appeal. The Department Chair or his/her designee will serve as chair of the appeals committee. The course or clerkship director cannot serve on the appeals committee. Information for the appeal will be solicited from the student, course/clerkship director, course/clerkship faculty and others as needed. Deliberation of the committee should address the student's appeal question. The decision made by the grade appeal committee is final.

The student should recognize that, following the appeals process, his/her grade may be amended in a direction that is not desired.

In all cases of grade changes following the appeals process, the student's record and official school transcript will be amended to reflect the changed grade.

A student has four (4) weeks from the date the grade is released by the course/clerkship director to make the appeal.