

4.4 Graduate Student Appeal Procedure

The *Graduate Student Appeal Procedure* is to be used by graduate students with complaints about dismissal from graduate standing, placement on probationary status, denial of readmission, and other administrative or academic decisions that terminate or otherwise impede progress toward academic or professional degree goals. For graduate students, this procedure may also be used to resolve disputes over joint authorship of research in accordance with joint authorship policies of campus departments or units. Through the *Graduate Student Appeal Procedure*, students have the right to appeal academic or administrative decisions that have resulted in termination or have interfered with their progress toward a degree if the decision is alleged to have been based on the following criteria:

- Procedural error or violation of official policy by academic or administrative personnel.
- Judgments improperly based upon nonacademic criteria including, but not limited to, discrimination or harassment based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, medical condition (cancer related), ancestry, marital status, or citizenship.
- Special mitigating circumstances beyond the student's control not properly considered in a decision affecting the student's academic progress.