

Proposal Date: 10/11/23

**Graduate Council Policy Committee**  
**Proposal to Revise an Academic Policy**  
**(Action Item)**

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Identification of proposed policy revision:

1. **Catalog statement of existing policy:** “Appeals of Graduate Policies are considered by the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education.”
2. **Catalog statement of proposed policy:** “Appeals of Graduate Policies are considered first by the Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Education. Further appeals of those decisions may be submitted to the Office of the Registrar for consideration by the Committee on Graduate Credits and Graduation. Detailed information regarding the submission of an appeal is available from the Office of the Registrar and on the Office of the Registrar website at <http://www.wku.edu/registrar>.”
3. **Rationale for proposed policy revision:** Placing the ultimate decision on these issues before a committee of faculty from across the university is a better practice than current policy allows. This would also realign the graduate appeal process with both the undergraduate appeal process and the academic complaint process and allow for greater transparency.
4. **Impact of proposed policy revision on existing academic or non-academic policies:**
  - 4.1 Impact on policies: Bylaws for such a committee would need to be developed.
  - 4.2 Impact on populations that may be affected: Graduate students would have an additional avenue to have their concerns heard.
5. **Proposed term for implementation:** Spring 2024
6. **Dates of prior committee approvals:**

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