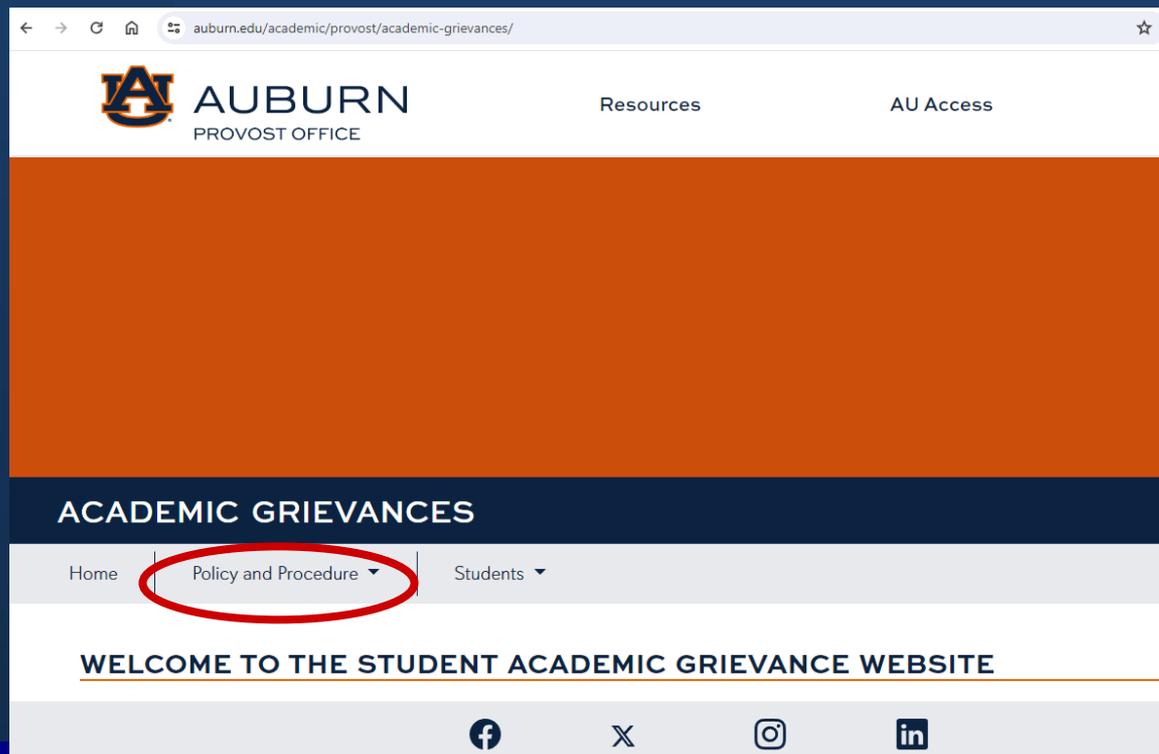


# Student Academic Grievance Policy Change

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## **AUBURN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE POLICY**

Below you will find the [Auburn University Student Academic Grievance Policy](#), please take a few minutes to review this policy before submitting your grievance. Clicking the link in this text will open the policy in a new window for download.

### **1: Purpose**



### **2: Steps Toward Redress - Informal Process**



### **3: The Formal Student Academic Grievance Process and Kinds of Grievances**



### **4: Procedures Filing a Grievance**



### **5: Pre-hearing Review**



### **6: The Hearing Process**



**6.1:** If the Committee determines that the case merits further consideration in the form of a hearing, the parties involved shall be informed in writing at least five (5) business days prior to the committee meeting and shall be advised of the scheduled time and place of the hearing. Complainants will access the Respondent's materials using the online reporting system. Respondents will access the Complainant's materials using the online reporting system.

**6.2:** At the hearing, the complainant, respondent, and material witnesses may testify and may be questioned by the opposite party and Committee members. Only evidence previously presented to the committee and presented in the hearing may be considered in the final judgment.

# Current Policy 6.4.10

Effective on 12/14/2017

6.4.10. The only persons present at full academic grievance hearings of this Committee shall be committee members, the complainant and the respondent(s), and material witnesses testifying before the Committee.



# Rationale for The Change

## **Faculty Grievance Procedure**

Employees shall have the right to have one advisor of their choice present at each step of the grievance procedure.

## **Student Grievance Policy**

Committee members, the complainant and the respondent, and material witnesses actually testifying before the committee.



# Role of The Support Advisor

## **Including but not limited to:**

Escorting the student to the hearing site, helping with organization of relevant documents, taking notes for the student, pointing out the key points for the student to cover in their argument, and helping the student maintain the sense of decorum that is expected in a formal hearing.



# Policy 6.4.10 Pass by SGA Senate

6.4.10. The only persons present at full academic grievance hearings of this Committee shall be committee members, the complainant and the respondent(s), and material witnesses actually testifying before the Committee. **Complainants and respondent(s) also have the right to have an advisor accompany them at their hearing. This advisor may not be an active participant during the hearing. The advisor must be a current Auburn faculty member, staff member, employee, or student that is not involved in any active case before this Committee. The advisor must be able to be present at the scheduled date and time for a hearing. Delays will not normally be allowed due to scheduling conflicts of an advisor.**



# Rationale for Additional Revision

- Parental involvement
- Lawyer
- Equity



# Revised Policy 6.4.10

Approved by Committee on 3/11

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# Conclusion

The Student Academic Grievance Committee moves to revise the Student Academic Grievance Policy to allow for an advisor to accompany students to hearings as described in the report.

