



Registered Student Organization Appeal Process

1. A Registered Student Organization (RSO) found responsible for violating the Organizational Rules of Conduct by the Dean of Students or their designee may appeal the finding(s) and/or sanction(s). The appeal must be made in writing, via the online appeal form which can be found at <https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/registered-student-organizations/>, within seven (7) calendar days following the date the RSO was sent the outcome by the Dean of Students or their designee. Appellate jurisdiction for decisions shall rest with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee. Sanctions issued for a case remain active unless the appeal decision modifies these sanctions.
2. An RSO may appeal the finding(s) and/or sanction(s) on the basis of one or more of the following:
 - a. The sanctions and/or conditions of the sanctions are disproportionate to the violation(s) and the RSO's disciplinary history;
 - b. A procedural defect occurred that significantly impacted the outcome of the hearing;
 - c. Discovery of new and significant information that would likely change the outcome of the hearing and was not known or could not have reasonably been known at the time of the hearing;
 - d. The information in the record does not support the findings or decision;
 - e. The decision was based on factors proscribed by state or federal law.
3. The RSO must state the reason(s) for the appeal and the recommended solution. An appeal cannot be filed simply because an RSO is dissatisfied with the outcome. The appeal process is not a re-hearing of the conduct case and the decision will be made based on the record of the hearing.
4. The appeal will be forwarded to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee for review to determine if the criteria for appeal have been met. If the appeal does not meet the criteria for appeal, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee will deny the appeal thus sustaining the decision of the Dean of Students or their designee.
5. If the appeal meets the listed criteria, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee will review the appeal and may decide one of the following:

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- a. If the RSO alleges that the sanction was disproportionate to the violation and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee finds the sanctions to be disproportionate, they may alter the sanction;
 - b. If the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee finds that there was a defect in the procedure or that new information has become available that is sufficiently substantial to the outcome, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee will order a new hearing, remand the matter to the original body that heard the case as appropriate, or send the case back to investigation.
 - c. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee may dismiss the case and end the disciplinary process.
 - d. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee may uphold the findings and/or sanctions issued by the Dean of Students or their designee.
6. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee shall provide the RSO and the Director of OSCCS or their designee written notification of the appeal decision within thirty (30) calendar days of the submission of the appeal. If the thirty (30) day deadline cannot be met, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee will inform the RSO and the Director of OSCCS or their designee of an alternative time limit, not to exceed an additional thirty (30) calendar days. Decisions of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or their designee reflect final university action.