

# Campus Student Election Commission Decision Appeals

Any student may submit an appeal of any Commission decision directly to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs by submitting a Letter of Appeal. This letter must be submitted to [studentelections@illinois.edu](mailto:studentelections@illinois.edu).

Decisions may be appealed within three (3) days of the date on which the decision is made public. In extenuating circumstances or with good cause, an extension may be requested in writing and granted by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.

The Letter of Appeal must contain *at minimum* the following: one or multiple specific grounds for appeal, listed below, the specific action(s) of relief requested, and the appellant's reasoning in support of the requested relief. If supporting documentation exists, it should be appended to the Letter of Appeal. Appeals must be formal letters written and signed by the appellant, on paper or sent from their Illinois.edu email account. Verbal appeals will not be accepted or entertained.

Upon receipt of a Letter of Appeal, the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs will issue a ruling and provide a response to the appellant(s) and the Commission within five (5) business days.

## Grounds for Appeal

- Procedural error that resulted in material harm or prejudice to the student body, election process, or elected bodies (i.e. the prevention of a fair, impartial, or proper hearing)
- Discovery of substantial new evidence or reasoning that was unavailable at the time of the decision and which reasonably could have affected the decision reached by the Commission
- Sanctions imposed are grossly disproportionate to the violation(s) committed, considering the relevant aggravating and/or mitigating factors