hearing, and appeal process ends.

V.F.1.8. Autonomy
Academic misconduct may also violate federal, state, or local laws, and students subject to discipline may also face civil or criminal legal penalties. Civil or criminal proceedings—or the lack thereof—related to alleged academic misconduct will not determine discipline.

V.F.1.9. Periods of Disruption
During periods of disruption, the powers and procedures in Texas Education Code Chapter 51, Subchapter E-1 shall apply and shall prevail over this section if they conflict. Students must receive due process as soon as practicable during periods of disruption.

V.F.1.10. Discipline in Health Occupations Programs
Health Occupations Program Deans shall/may act as Chief Academic Officers for their programs with written authorization from their respective Chief Academic Officer.

V.G. ACADEMIC APPEALS


V.G.1.1. Academic Appeals
The College recognizes a student’s right to consistent and relevant forms of assessment. An academic appeal is a formal request brought by a student to change a grade for the reasons below. Students have 12 calendar months from the date the grade was posted by the registrar to submit an academic appeal. A grade may only be changed by the instructor of record, the instructor’s department chair, the academic dean, or the Academic Appeals Committee. Should an instructor of record’s employment end or otherwise become incapacitated or unavailable, the department chair, or the academic dean may enter grades on the incapacitated or unavailable faculty member.

V.G.1.2. Definitions
(a) Incapacity means the physical or mental inability to enter grades for the purpose of this subsection V.G.1. only.

V.G.1.3. Bases for Academic Appeal
A student must meet one of four requirements in order to qualify to file an academic appeal. The student must have some evidence that there exists at the time of the appeal: (1) a mathematical error in the grade’s calculation, (2) a deviation—by the instructor—from the course syllabus or the College’s policy manual (this document), (3) disparate treatment of the student not covered by EEO (e.g., race, color, sex, and etc.) policies, or (4) an inappropriate academic misconduct penalty was imposed against a student. Any basis for appeal outside of those four categories will not be considered and the College will simply inform the student of
this policy and refuse to process the appeal. An appeal will not be considered merely because the student is dissatisfied with a grade or disagrees with the instructor’s professional judgment of the quality of the student’s work or performance.

V.G.1.4. Procedures
The Board has delegated to the Chancellor the authority to implement Chancellor’s Procedures to carry out the Academic Appeals Policy.

V.H. ACADEMIC STUDENT TRAVEL

V.H.1. Policy
The College provides equal academic student travel opportunities to all students regardless of race, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, religion, ethnic or national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other protected status. Section V.H.1. applies only to Academic Student Travel as defined below.

V.H.1.2. Definitions
(a) Academic Student Travel covered by this Policy means travel that meets three conditions. First, the travel must be at least farther than 25 miles from the closest Lone Star College campus or satellite center to the final destination. Second, the travel is directed by an instructional employee to achieve an academic objective. Third, either (1) the College funds the travel and uses a college-owned or -leased vehicle, or (2) a college-registered student organization requires the travel. Travel that does not meet all three of these conditions is not considered Academic Student Travel and Section V.H.1.2. does not apply.

(b) Academic Student Domestic Travel means Academic Student Travel that only contains destinations inside the continental United States.

(c) Academic Student Foreign Travel means Academic Student Travel that includes a destination, layover, or location outside the continental United States.

(d) Academic Student Travel Funded by the College means paying for expenses associated with the activity or event from a College-maintained budget item or fund. The College funds travel even if an outside tour company arranges the College-sponsored trip and travelers pay their own travel-related expenses.

(e) Academic Student Travel Required by a Registered Student Organization means the travel related to the organization’s official activities, including attending and participating at conventions, workshops, seminars, mock events, and other academic competitions. This definition does not include social or optional events organized by a registered student organization or an optional course activity recommended by a faculty member.