# ACADEMIC GRIEVANCE AND GRADE APPEAL COMPLAINT

## STUDENT COMPLAINT FORM

After unsuccessfully attempting to resolve your complaint with the appropriate faculty member, you may initiate a formal grievance or grade appeal. Your complaint must be filed within one semester following the semester during which the complaint arose. Complete Sections A and B below. If you are filing a grade appeal, complete Section C. If you are filing an academic grievance, complete Section D. You may write on this form or prepare your complaint on line at [http://www.csun.edu/studentaffairs/studentconduct/agga_complaint_form_student.pdf](http://www.csun.edu/studentaffairs/studentconduct/agga_complaint_form_student.pdf), then print, sign and submit to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, which is located in University Hall, Suite 310. **Attach a written statement of up to two pages** explaining the basis for your complaint.

### SECTION A: Student Information

| Name: ______________________________ | CSUN ID #: ___________________ |
| Address: ___________________________ |
| City: ___________________ Zip Code: ___________________ |
| Home #: ___________________ Cell #: ___________________ |
| Email: ___________________ Fax #: ___________________ |
| Year in School: ___________________ Major: ___________________ |

### SECTION B: Efforts to Resolve this Complaint

Against whom is this complaint being made?

| Faculty Name: ___________________ | Department: ___________________ |

If this is a grade appeal, provide the following:

| Course #: ___________________ Class #: ___________________ Semester Taken: ___________________ |
| Grade you received: ___________________ Grade you feel you deserve: ___________________ |

Have you already attempted to resolve this matter with the faculty against whom this complaint is being filed?

- [ ] Yes. Provide a description of your efforts and discuss the results:

  __________________________________________
  __________________________________________

- [ ] No. Explain why:

  __________________________________________
  __________________________________________

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Have you filed a discrimination complaint involving the same issues with the Office of Equity and Diversity?

☐ Yes  (If you have already filed a complaint please contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs before submitting this complaint)

☐ No

SECTION C:  Complete this Section When Filing a Grade Appeal

What condition is being alleged? **At least one condition must apply to your complaint.**

☐ The instructor violated a specific University rule or policy.  *(Note: you must identify the violated policy in the statement that you attach to this complaint.)*

☐ The instructor refused to correct a clerical or administrative error made in the process of transmitting a grade to the Office of Admissions and Records.

☐ The instructor refused to report any grade at all for you in this course.

☐ The grade is based on an allegation of cheating or other academic dishonesty, and the instructor has chosen not to request formal disciplinary action with the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

☐ The grade is based on an allegation of cheating or other academic dishonesty and, pursuant to the student disciplinary process, it has been determined that (1) there was insufficient evidence to proceed with formal disciplinary action, or (2) you were found innocent of the charges.

☐ The grade reflects threatening, abusive, exploitative, or similar personal, improper conduct towards you.  *(Note: you should clearly describe the conduct being complained of in the statement that you attach to this form.)*

Attach a description of the facts and circumstances that led to the filing of this grade appeal.

Your description may not exceed two pages.

SECTION D:  Fill out this Section ONLY if you are Filing an Academic Grievance

Attach a description of the incident or behavior that led to the filing of this grievance.

Your explanation may not exceed two pages.

What resolution are you seeking?

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I hereby certify that this complaint contains a complete, accurate and truthful statement of the facts in this matter.

Student Signature:  ___________________________ Date:  ___________________________