

Lander University Committee Assignments

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Grade and Academic Appeals Committee (2025-2026)

Appointed By: Faculty Senate

Reports To Faculty Senate

Membership

The Grade and Academic Appeals Committee will consist of a tenured faculty member who will serve as chair and will be selected from and by the Faculty Senate, three other faculty members selected by the Faculty Senate, and a student representative. The student member and an alternate student member will be nominated by the president of the Student Government Association in consultation with the advisor to the Student Government Association. If neither the student representative nor the alternate can attend a meeting, the Student Government Association president will substitute for him/her.

The committee membership will be subject to approval by the president of the university. Prior to the end of each spring semester, the Faculty Senate will recommend the faculty membership to the president, and members will serve for one calendar year, beginning May 16 and extending through May 15 of the following year. In addition, at this time alternates will be chosen to be in line to take a member's place in case of unavoidable absence during the academic year or during the summer. If a faculty member whose grade is being appealed is not available or is no longer on the Lander university faculty or in case of a conflict of interest, the department chair will represent the faculty member. If an appeal involves a member of the committee or a committee member's department chair, one of the alternates will be asked to serve in his/her place.

Members of the committee will observe strict professional confidentiality concerning all committee business. The committee will uphold the university policy on confidentiality of student information. All other participants in the process will sign a confidentiality agreement.

Functions

The committee will hear the following types of appeals:

1. Grade appeals not resolved at the level of the academic unit,
2. Appeals not resolved by the Student Life Council, the Honor Council, and the vice president for student affairs, and
3. Appeals related to regulations for academic honors.
4. Other academic appeals referred to them by the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The committee may affirm previous decisions, or it may recommend review and consideration of revisions.

Source: *Faculty Handbook*

Member	Title / Role	Term of Service
Tod Kenney (Chair)	Associate Professor of Education / Faculty At-Large (COE)	Spring 2027
Heather Bennett	Lecturer of Human Services / Outside Member	Spring 2027
Diego Ferreira	Assistant Professor of Exercise Science / Exercise Science & Human Performance (CONHPHS) (Alternate)	Spring 2026
Parker Heustess	Information Services Librarian / Jackson Library	Spring 2027
Andrew Jameson	Associate Professor of English / Faculty At-Large (COHASS)	Spring 2027
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Josie Ryan	Professor of Mathematics / Mathematics (COSM)	Spring 2026
Susan Shurden	Associate Professor of Accounting / Faculty At-Large (COBT)	Spring 2026
Amelia Beasley	President / Student Government Association	
Rida Hirani	Student	
TBD	TBD / Student Alternative	