Policy Title
Student Challenge of Summative Exam Questions

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LCME Standards
Not Applicable

Scope
University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Greenville students and relevant module faculty.

Policy Statement
The Department of Biomedical Sciences in conjunction with the Office of Academic Affairs standardizes exam policies and procedures for the M1 and M2 academic years. The Student Challenge of Summative Exam Questions policy provides an outline for the challenge process that is consistent and considers the resources necessary for fairly addressing student challenges to summative exam questions.

Reason for Policy
This policy provides a manageable and fair challenge process that gives students the opportunity to notify faculty of exam question concerns. Moreover, faculty have a standard expectation regarding adjustments, responses, and student notification of exam question updates.

Procedures
1. During summative exams for M1 and M2 basic science modules, students are allowed to challenge up to 10% of the exam via ExamSoft assessment software.
2. Challenges are collated and distributed to relevant module faculty for review.
3. Faculty will provide a written response to a challenge if the grading of a challenged question was adjusted in one of the following ways: bonus, eliminated, multiple correct answers accepted or all answers accepted.
4. Students are allowed to review an exam and associated faculty responses to challenges 7-10 official school days after the exam administration. The exam review will take place in a proctored environment under the same testing conditions.

Faculty will review student challenges along with test item statistics to determine if test items should be kept as is or if an adjustment should be made; however, faculty will only need to provide a rationale when an adjustment to a challenged exam item is made.

Sanctions
Not Applicable
Additional Contacts
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Related Information
USC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook

History
- Date of Change: 12/14/2018
- Change: Moved to standardized template
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