The Statutes Committee recommends a change to Section 5.6.12 of the Statutes in the Faculty Handbook in order to bring the duties of the Student Grievance and Appeal Committee in line with the new Student Code of Conduct adopted by the faculty on 28 November 2006. The request was initiated by the office of the Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Student Integrity and has been approved by the Executive Board in its meeting of 13 November 2007. Other mechanisms are now in place to accomplish the functions that are deleted in the text below. (See http://www.deanofstudents.gatech.edu/integrity/policies.php)

Proposed Change to Statute

5.6.12 Student Grievance and Appeal Committee
See Bylaws, Section 10.7.13.

The Committee shall act on its own cognizance or that of any student or group of students to define grievances, suggestions, or criticisms concerning any matter relevant to the Institute. It shall weigh and evaluate the material and transmit constructive recommendations to appropriate individuals, offices, committees, the Academic Faculty, the Student Council, or the Graduate Student Senate.

The Committee shall arrange for and conduct hearings on each request by students for reconsideration of a ruling against them by the judicial arm of the student government and shall render a decision in the case. If the decision is appealed, the Committee shall transmit all its records of the case to the President for further consideration. A student may apply for a review of the decision of the President to the Board of Regents, as provided for by The Policy Manual of the Board of Regents (Section 407.01). The decision in the case shall be transmitted to the office, or offices, responsible for recording it, for notifying the student officially, and for implementing the action.

In its distributed minutes and in the annual report of its activities and findings, the Committee shall preserve the anonymity of individuals by generalizing the issues involved and the actions taken.