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Student Challenges of Exam Items Policy

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Purpose and Summary

This policy is intended to describe the process for student challenges to Pre-Clerkship high-stakes exam items and any resulting grade changes that might take place after a post exam review.

Scope

This policy is intended for all Pre-Clerkship high-stakes exams.

Definitions

A “post exam review” is a review of a high-stakes Pre-Clerkship exam results that is triggered after the initial results of an exam review have been challenged.

Policy

Student challenges of Pre-Clerkship high-stakes exam items will be reviewed by the Exam Review Subcommittee (ERS) only under the following conditions:

Conditions:

- The item content was not covered during lecture or course materials, or conflicting information was presented
- Students were told by the lecturer or block director that the specific question content would not be tested

Procedure:

- Student challenges of midterm exam items must be made within 24 hours of the block team’s email notification that the exam scores have been released.
- If a student has a concern about an exam item, the student notifies the block director using email.
- If the block director determines the issue matches the conditions above, the block director will then notify the ERS chair of the need for a secondary exam review.

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- The ERS will then review the item to determine if it should be designated as a 'late-drop' item. This review can take place by a meeting or an email discussion.
- Items dropped after student challenges will result in the same adjustment of points to the overall exam that would occur normally during an exam review.