Appeal of Chair Decisions

Statement:

This is a proposal to add a section in the SUA bylaws to appeal decisions made unilaterally by the Chair. As of now, there is no appeal process within the SUA constitution or the bylaws. This is a procedure that would allow for three things: (1) Allow for students outside of the SUA to implement a judicial review of the Chair. (2) Extend the timeliness requirement of an appeal from directly after the point of order occurs so that students who are not knowledgeable of SUA procedure can create an appeal. Students need time to read the decisions, understand how they will affect them, and familiarize themselves with the procedure for submitting an appeal. (3) Encourage students to engage with their student government in hopes of having their voices heard.

1. Standard Descriptive Characteristics
   A. An officer is delegated the authority and has the duty to make necessary rulings on questions of parliamentary law. However, any UCSC student has the right to appeal the presiding officer’s decision on such a question.
   B. All appeals are debateable.
   C. All appeals are not amendable.

2. Procedure
   A. An appeal can be made by any UCSC student.
   B. The appeal takes precedence over any question pending at the time the chair makes a ruling from which the appeal is made.
   C. The appeal must be seconded.
   D. The appeal is debateable
   E. The appeal can be made at any time from when the ruling of the chair was implemented.
   F. Requires a simple majority vote (50% plus one).
   G. The appeal is not amendable.