

UNK STUDENT COURT

- By authority of the Board of Regents, Student Government recognizes Student Organizations with valid constitutions
- The function of the Judicial Branch shall be to provide for a fair hearing and decision for students on matters related to student organizations pertaining to:
 1. Constitutions
 2. Bylaws
 3. Regulations, and
 4. Rule
- Student Court also has been granted the duty, by Campus Police, to hear student tickets on parking appeals.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

- Complaints or Parking appeals are to be filed with Campus Police.
- A complaint must be filed with the Chief Justice and Speaker of the Senate.
- “Statute of Limitations” is within 14 days after the violation/event took place, unless otherwise stated; by guidelines of specific organizations and with exception to Summer, Winter, Fall and Spring break interruptions.
- Chief Justice then schedules a hearing within two full weeks after a complaint has been received.
- The complaint should include:
 - The names of the parties, plaintiff(s) and defendants and identifying them as such
 - The date on which petitions is filed
 - A brief, concise accurate statement of the essential facts of the action being brought which the plaintiff believes will entitle him or her to relief from the Court, including stating the section of the Constitution which the plaintiff believes empowers the Court to act on the matter. The factual statement should be complete but shall not contain unnecessarily inflammatory or other irrelevant language. Such language may be stricken by the Court or upon motion of any party.
 - Following the factual summary, the plaintiff should clearly state the relief he or she is requesting from the Court.
 - At the bottom of such petition should appear the signature of the plaintiff(s) and the current college address and telephone number of both the plaintiff(s) and defendants. If any party chooses to be represented by a third party, the petition should also indicate such representation. Include the name, address, telephone number and signature of the representative. The third party representative must be a UNK student.

UNK Student Court Complaint Form

Date of Violation/Event: _____

File Date of Petition: _____

Plaintiff(s): _____

Defendant(s): _____

Factual Summary

Relief Request by Plaintiff

Signature of Plaintiff(s): _____

Local address of Plaintiff(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Local address of Defendant(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Optional third party representation

Name of Student: _____

Representing: _____

Local address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Hearing Rules and Agenda

All cases are recorded in minutes form (except the deliberations).

All parties involved are entitled to general principles of due process.

Decision/ruling is posted within 15 days after a decision has been rendered.

Hearing Outline

The formal hearing process, except as otherwise noted shall be conducted under the following format:

- Instruction by the court
- Pre-hearing motions
- Introductory statements
 - Plaintiff-ten minute maximum
 - Defendant-ten minute maximum
- Presentation of plaintiff's case. NOTE: any witness called by a party will be subject to cross-examination. Failure to cooperate shall result in the striking of the entire testimony of that witness.
- Presentation of defendant's case
- Closing arguments
 - Plaintiff - five minute maximum
 - Defendant - five minute maximum
- Ruling/verdict
- Appeals may be presented to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs/Dean of Students