Regents' Policy Manual - Section 1.5: Appeals to the Board of Regents

Adopted Date: 09-12-1996 Applicability

This policy applies to <u>all</u> appeals of administration, faculty, student government, or hearing board decisions to the Board of Regents.

Policy

All administrative decisions at the University except those rendered by the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee may be appealed to the President, who may delegate the authority to hear and decide appeals as appropriate. The Board of Regents may review any final decision of the President or the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee only if:

- (1) the decision is one that sanctioned a faculty member's tenured status at the University in a way that substantially affected that status;
 - or
- (2) the President has referred the appeal to the Board of Regents.

Faculty, staff, or students affected by a decision of the administration, faculty, student government, or hearing board may appeal the decision to the Board of Regents. The Board has discretion to determine whether the appeal will be considered, except for those appeals from Except for decisions of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, all review by the Regents is discretionary with the Regents, which the Board is required to hear. The Board may refer appeals to a committee of the Board for recommendation as to whether the appeal should be heard.

Implementation

A person wishing to appeal a decision to the Board must submit a written petition to the Board through the President of the University. The petition must be filed within thirty (130) days from the date the decision being appealed was rendered, unless expressly provided by University policy to the contrary. The petition must describe the decision being appealed and the basis for the appeal.

In considering whether to take a discretionary appeal and in considering the appeal itself, the Board (or a committee if one is appointed to consider whether an appeal should be heard) may request written briefs, oral arguments, or both... If the Regents decide to hear an appeal, the Regents may establish a subcommittee or appoint a hearing officer to receive evidence or otherwise participate in the Regents' review.

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The Board shall render its final decision within 12090 days from the date the appeal was filed, unless a delay is requested by one of the parties and approved by the President of the Board. If no decision is rendered within the deadline, the appeal shall be deemed denied. **References**

Other documents and policies that specifically mention appeals to the Board of Regents include, but are not necessarily limited to: Faculty Handbook Section B, UAP 3220 ("Ombuds Services and Dispute Resolution for Staff"), Student Grievance Procedure.

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