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

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### **Applicability**

This policy applies to <u>certain decisions concerning appeals of administration</u>, faculty, <u>staff and students that may be appealed government</u>, or hearing board decisions to the Board of Regents.

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Faculty, staff, or students affected by a final decision of the administration or a faculty body, that would 1) terminate their relationship with the University, or 2) suspend their privileges as a faculty member or student in excess of one year government, or hearing board may appeal the decision to the Board of Regents. The President may also refer any staff, faculty or student matter to Board of Regents deemed appropriate. The Board has discretion to determine whether the appeal will be considered, except for those appeals from decisions of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee 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 faculty member or student person-wishing to appeal a final decision as described above to the Board must first submit their appeal to a written petition to the Board through the President of the University. The petition-appeal to the President must be filed within ten (10) working days thirty (130) days from the date the decision being appealed was rendered, unless a different number of days is expressly provided by University policy. to the contrary. An appeal from the President's decision to the Board must be submitted within ten (10) working days from the date the President's decision was rendered. The appeal petition must adequately describe the decision (s) being appealed and the basis for the appeal.

If the Board accepts an appeal for consideration, it n 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 documents from relevant offices and may choose to hear from the affected individuals and decision-makerswritten briefs, oral arguments, or both.

The Board shall render its final decision within 90 days from the date the appeal was filed or at its next Board meeting after the 90 days has expired, whichever is longer. 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: <u>Faculty Handbook Section B</u>, <u>UAP 3220 ("Ombuds Services and Dispute Resolution for Staff")</u>, <u>Student Grievance Procedure</u>.