

Article III: Review and Interpretation of Authority

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Section 1. Exercise of the Powers of Review and Interpretation

The power of review and interpretation will be exercised by the faculty committees and, as a board of appeal, by the Faculty Senate. Each committee will exercise the power of review and interpretation in the area for which it is responsible. In instances wherein information is needed the chair of Faculty Senate should consult with the Provost.

Section 2. Procedure for Appeal

Any administrative official may bring to the appropriate committee any case involving interpretation and application of committee action.

Any aggrieved student, group of students, faculty member, or group of faculty members may file a written request for a hearing with any standing committee of the Faculty Senate except the Grievance and Hearing Committees. An appeal of the decision of the Grievance Committee on substantive and/or procedural grounds may be made directly to the Faculty Senate. An appeal of the decision of the Hearing Committee on procedural grounds may be made to the Faculty Senate.

The committee will consider the request and may grant a hearing to the party or parties concerned. If the committee grants a hearing, it will file a report of the committee action with the secretary of the Faculty Senate and the aggrieved party or parties concerned will be informed of the recommendation.

Section 3. Appeal to the Faculty Senate

Within two weeks after the decision of a committee is filed with the chair of the Faculty Senate, the aggrieved party or parties, if dissatisfied with the decision of the committee, may file an appeal in writing to the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate will review the committee proceedings and may take action on the appeal.

If action is taken on the appeal, the Faculty Senate will reach a decision by majority vote. A written report of the action will be filed with the president of the University and with the committee from which the appeal was taken. The aggrieved party or parties will be informed of the decision.

Section 4. Procedure in Academic Freedom and in Tenure Cases

The Faculty Senate will have jurisdiction in grievance cases involving academic freedom or tenure.

On written appeal to the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Senate may fix a date for a hearing, permit all parties involved the right of counsel and the privileges of cross-examination, and, upon the evidence presented, make a written report to the president of the University and to the aggrieved member of the faculty. A copy of the report will also be filed with the secretary of the Faculty Senate.