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BOARD OF REGENTS

LAWS OF THE REGENTS

ARTICLE 5: FACULTY

Part D: Faculty Grievance

5.D.1 Faculty Senate Grievance Committee Authority

(A) The Faculty Senate shall have a standing committee, the Faculty Senate Grievance Committee (FSGC).

(1) The FSGC is authorized by the Board of Regents to review, investigate, mediate, hear grievances, and make recommendations to the administration, and/or Board of Regents, on specific grievance cases. See section 5.D.2.

(2) In addition, the FSGC provides an independent faculty perspective on the grievance process.

(B) The FSGC shall have the authority to develop the processes for executing its responsibilities consistent with regent law and policy. The processes of the FSGC shall be linked as appropriate in the Faculty Senate constitution and bylaws.

5.D.2 Right to Submit a Grievance Rights

(A) A tenured and/or tenure-track faculty members may submit a grievance to the FSGC under one of the following conditions:

(1) The faculty member wishes to challenge their notice of dismissal for cause.

(2) The faculty member has been who are denied reappointment, promotion, or tenure and believes:

(a) there have been serious procedural or factual errors in the case; or

(b) the denial occurred through the material violation of the laws of the regents or regent policy, may submit a grievance to the Faculty Senate grievance committee, as specified in regent policy 5.G.

(3) The faculty member was terminated in a program discontinuance process and believes that serious procedural errors occurred in their personnel action.

a. The faculty member cannot grieve the validity of the program discontinuance decision itself.

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~~(B) Tenure and tenure-track faculty members who believe they have been unjustly dismissed for cause may submit a grievance to the Faculty Senate grievance committee, as specified in regent policy 5.G.~~

~~(C)(A) Instructional, research, and clinical faculty members who believe they have been denied reappointment or promotion contrary to campus policies, or have been terminated contrary to campus policies, may appeal in accordance with campus policies. See article 5.C.3(C). The provisions of regent policy 5.G shall not apply.~~

(B) Any university employee afforded the right of academic freedom, who believes their academic rights under the principles of academic freedom (see regent policy 5.B.1) have been violated, may file a grievance with the FSGC grievance committee (see regent law, article 5.B.2(B)).

(C) Any grievances or appeals not covered in section 5.D.2(A) or (B) are the domain of campus policies, processes, and procedures.

~~(D) Members of the Faculty Senate who believe their academic rights (as provided for in regent law and policy) have been violated may file a grievance with the Faculty Senate grievance committee, as specified in regent policy 5.G.~~

~~Additionally, any university employees afforded academic freedom under article 5, part B, who feels their academic freedom has been violated may file a grievance with the Faculty Senate grievance committee, as specified in regent policy 5.G.~~

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5.D.3 Additional Instructional, Research, and Clinical (IRC) Faculty Campus-Based Policies

An instructional, research, and clinical IRC faculty members who believes they have been denied reappointment or promotion contrary to campus policies, or have been terminated contrary to campus policies, may appeal in accordance with campus policies. See regent law, article 5.C.3(C). The provisions of regent policy 5.G shall not apply.

~~(F)(A) The Faculty Senate grievance committee is authorized by the Board of Regents to investigate, mediate, hear grievances, and make recommendations to the administration on specific grievance cases.~~

History:

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