

### **Policy Suspending Established Time Limits on Appeals**

Current policy of the Board of Governors provides that if the board agrees to consider an appeal from a grievance decision, under Section 501C(4) of *The Code*, it will complete its disposition of the case within 90 days of receipt of notice of the appeal. In the past, the 90-day period usually has been adequate for submission of background information by the parties to the appeal, transmission of such information to a designated committee or subcommittee of the board, and consideration of the case, successively, by the responsible subcommittee and the parent committee and by the Board of Governors.

However, in recent months the volume of requests for review of campus decisions has grown so large that it is becoming increasingly difficult for the board committees and the support staff to devote timely attention to such requests.

Accordingly, both committees recommend that the board suspend, until further notice, that portion of current policy which requires board completion of its appellate review within 90 days. Instead, the committees recommend that at each monthly meeting each committee be permitted to limit its case load to no more than two appeal cases, with priority in selecting cases to be based on dates of receipt of notices of appeal; if more than two requests are received by either committee in a given month, the excess case or cases may be held over to a succeeding committee meeting date.

If this recommendation is approved by the board, the two committees collaboratively will develop, and will present at a later date, suggestions concerning refinements of the appeals process and methods of efficiently scheduling board consideration of such appeals.

***(Effective January 1, 2004, this policy will be repealed.)***