Regulation on Terminating Programs

The procedure for terminating programs was adopted by the Board of Governors on August 22, 1977. This procedure constitutes a designation of the planning committee as the board's agency to hear contested decisions to terminate programs.

Section 605 A of The Code provides that a chancellor, on the chancellor's own initiative, can undertake a major curtailment or termination of a program. The chancellor is required by Section 605 C(1) to consult with the administrative officers and faculty of the institution, and the chancellor's action is subject to the concurrence of the President and approval of the Board of Governors.

The termination procedure established in this policy, is entirely separate from the one just noted and applies to those instances where on the initiative of the president or of the planning committee, a program is to be terminated. This procedure is beyond the control of the chancellor (except as an adviser to the president and the planning committee). This procedure makes no provision for the termination of the employment of individual faculty members, only of programs. It would be a matter for the chancellor's decision whether the termination of a program would have the effect of making the services of one or more faculty members unnecessary. The chancellor would then follow procedures appropriate to the case.

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