

CHAPTER 6

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRUSTEES
AS A COURT OF APPEAL

WHILE the trustees are seldom appealed to in this capacity, the fact remains that the trustees are the final court of appeal for student, faculty, or the general public when they feel some injustice is being done in regular administrative channels. These matters may rise from disciplinary cases or scholarship failures of students; from failure to receive promotions in salary or rank by members of the staff; or from some business firm which feels that it has been discriminated against in competition for business. When such matters are brought to the trustees, it is best to hear complaints fully and also hear the administrative officer or faculty member involved and try to work out a solution that will avoid the recurrence of such appeals. It is unfortunate when the trustees feel unable to sustain the actions of their administrative officers, but if an error has been made or a real injustice done, certainly the administration should unite with the trustees in correcting it. If the administration is carried on capably and sympathetically, very few such cases will come before the trustees.

