

April 7, 1978

TO: MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

FROM: Clarence A. Bell, President

SUBJECT: Agenda for meeting #5, April 12, 1978

The Faculty Senate will meet on Wednesday, April 12, 1978, at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room in the University Center. The agenda is as follows:

I. Minutes of the March 8, 1978 meeting

II. Announcements

- 1. Reminder: Faculty Meeting, Address by President Mackey, April 27, 1978
- 2. Academic Council Minutes
- 3. Election: Tenure and Privilege Committee, Faculty Development Committee

III. Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning - Kenneth Thompson, Vice President for Administration

IV. Report of Committee on Committee - Dr. Darrell Vines

V. Report of Tenure Review Committee - Drs. Jacquelin Collins and Margaret Wilson

VI. Report of Bylaws Committee - Dr. David Cummins

VII. Faculty Retirement Policies - Dr. Benjamin Newcomb

VIII. Report on Analysis of Grade Inflation by the Faculty Senate of the University of Texas at Austin - Dr. Otto Nelson

IX. Response to Article in Lubbock Avalanche Journal on Professors' Absenteeism - Dr. Darrell Vines

X. Election of Senate Officers

XI. Other Business

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MEETING NO. 5, APRIL 12, 1978

1. Reminder: Faculty Meeting, Address by President Mackey

Please remember that President Mackey will address the general faculty at a meeting called by the Faculty Senate, at 3:30 p.m. on April 27, 1978, in the University Center Theater. Please make every effort to attend and encourage your colleagues to do so.

- 2. The Academic Council met on March 14, but minutes of the meeting had not been made available as of this writing. The Council is scheduled to meet again on April 11.
- 3. Election: Tenure and Privilege Committee, Faculty Development Committee

The nominating election is in progress for one position on the Tenure and Privilege Committee and five positions (two from Arts & Sciences, one each from Business Administration, Home Economics and Law) on the Faculty Development Committee. Results of the nominating election will be announced at the Senate meeting.

## AVALANCHE JOURNAL ARTICLE ON PROFESSOR ABSENTEEISM

On Friday morning, March 24, 1978, page 16D an AP report from Austin said that "a group of faculty pleaded guilty to the charge of neglecting undergraduate education." The article discussed the legislature's concern that teachers are not available and included a variety of responses from the faculty.

We, Texas Tech University Senators, certainly should not let the UT Austin faculty speak for us. Some of us (or you?) may want to draft a statement concerning the Tech faculty's care of students for consideration/distribution at the next Senate meeting.