



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of the Provost

MEMO

To: TTU Faculty

From: Michael Galyean, Provost and Senior Vice President

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Date: June 12, 2018

Subject: Texas Tech University Press Director Position

Since 1971, the Texas Tech University Press has been an important and recognizable component of our campus, publishing a variety of literary works that have advanced scholarship and showcased West Texas and the High Plains region. Nonetheless, the TTU Press like many other academic presses around the country has been struggling financially for a number of years.

In October of last year, I constituted a committee to consider how best to move the Press forward in a sustainable manner. The committee was comprised of administrators, faculty, and staff from across the campus. Their work focused on evaluating various models for the reporting structure of the Press, as well as investigating business models used by other academic presses; publishing, printing and budgeting practices; and operating policies and methodologies required for a successful and sustainable academic press. The committee did a very thorough job of considering these issues and presented their findings to me towards the end of this past spring semester.

A key element of the committee's deliberations was the reporting structure of the TTU Press. Historically, the Press reported directly to the Office of the Provost; however, in 2015, the operations of the Press were moved under the purview of the University Libraries. After considering the committee's report, I have decided to move the TTU Press back under the umbrella of the Office of the Provost. I want to thank Dean Gerlich and the faculty and staff of the University Libraries who have worked diligently and effectively to improve the operations of the TTU Press over the past three years. The University Libraries will continue to work on development of an effective digital publishing unit, with the focus on providing an outlet for TTU faculty members to publish online textbooks and instructional resources. Ultimately, this effort should provide our students with high-quality textbooks and other educational materials at a lower cost.

In the meantime, the TTU Press will continue to focus on its historical, faculty-driven academic mission. To that end, I am announcing the advertisement of a new position: Director of the TTU Press. This half-time (plus summer) faculty position will report to the Office of the Provost and be responsible for directing, planning, coordinating, and supervising the operations and activities of the TTU Press. Details related to this position can be found at: <https://bit.ly/2MjC9IZ>. If you know of TTU faculty members who would be qualified and interested in such a role, please encourage them to consider this opportunity. In addition, if you have a personal interest in applying for this position, please feel free to contact me if you need further information. Review of applications will begin on July 16, 2018. The start date is anticipated to be in early August but not later than September 1, 2018.