



Texas Tech University

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TO: Members of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Margaret E. "Peg" Wilson, President
RE: Agenda for meeting #74, December 11, 1985

The Faculty Senate will meet on Wednesday, December 11, 1985 at 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the University Center. The agenda is as follows:

- I. Introduction of guests
- II. Approval of the minutes of the November 13, 1985 meeting
- III. Report of the Vice President of the Faculty Senate - Havens
- IV. Reports of Standing Committees
 - A. Committee on Committees - Minifie (see attachment)
 - B. Tenure and Privilege Committee - Collins (see attachment)
- V. Reports of Ad Hoc Committees
 - A. Financial Exigency Committee - Aycock
 - B. Campus and Community Relations Committee - Stockton
 - C. Joint Committee on Registration - Wilson (see attachment)
- VI. Old Business
 - A. President's salary - Wilson
 - B. VPAAR Search Committee - Wilson
- VII. New Business
 - A. Coordinating Board Internships - applications are due in January
 - B. Policy on short courses - Harrigan
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Adjournment

ATTACHMENT IV. A.

The Committee on Committees is able to only suggest one nominee for the Personal Safety Awareness Committee. We were asked to suggest two, but as of today we have not found another faculty member willing to serve.

The nominee we suggest is:
Kenneth Rainwater - Civil Engineering

ATTACHMENT V. C.

The Joint Committee on Registration et al has been formed and will have its first meeting December 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Academic Affairs Conference Room.

The following persons have been appointed by President Cavazos:

Virginia Sowell
Max Tomlinson
Lee Alley
Gene Medley
Ronny Barnes

The following person have been appointed by the Faculty Senate Agenda Committee:

Jim Clark
Joe Yaney
John Nevius
Otis Templer
Bob Bethea
Virginia Felstehavsen
Panze Kimmel
Tom Langford

Faculty Senate Tenure and Privilege Committee
Report to the Faculty Senate

December 3, 1985

The Tenure and Privilege Committee considered, at the request of the President of the Faculty Senate, the letter from Benjamin H. Newcomb concerning the decision of the Office of Academic Publications not to publish the proceedings of the symposium "War and Peace: Perspectives in the Nuclear Age." Was that decision made for reasons which violate academic freedom?

The majority of the Committee found, in the material available to it, no indication of a violation of academic freedom. There is no impediment to publication of the symposium proceedings elsewhere; only the decision of Texas Tech Press not to publish is involved. In the view of the majority of this committee, the free exercise of editorial judgment by one charged with that responsibility is parallel to the exercise of academic freedom by faculty members and should be preserved.

It is not within the charge of this Committee to consider the wisdom of the Tech Press decision or decision-making procedures. The possibility exists that there are questionable management practices by Texas Tech Press with respect to how decisions regarding publications are made. Should the Senate wish, it might assign the study of that issue to another committee.

One member of the Committee dissented from the decision of the majority on the grounds that the Committee is unable at this point to tell for certain whether a violation of academic freedom has occurred. However, the fact that the Executive Director of the Texas Tech Press/Academic Publications overrode the substantive editors, because he found what had been written by the Conference participants and approved by the substantive editors to be "propagandistic," gives that decision the appearance of having been made for an improper reason. That decision for that reason might well be a violation of the academic freedom of the editors, of the authors, or indeed of the academic community of Texas Tech University.