



The University of Kentucky Press Committee

I. Introduction

The University of Kentucky Press Committee (UK Press Committee) is an advisory body that reviews scholarly works and recommends publication of those works to the state-wide Editorial Board of the University Press of Kentucky (Press). The Press is a statewide nonprofit scholarly publisher for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, operated as an agency of the University of Kentucky and serving all state institutions of higher education, plus five private colleges and Kentucky's two major historical societies.

II. Background

The Press is comprised of Bellarmine University, Berea College, Centre College of Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky University, Georgetown College, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, Transylvania University, the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University, the Filson Historical Society, and the Kentucky Historical Society. Organized in 1969 as the successor to the University of Kentucky Press, which was established in 1943, the University Press of Kentucky functions in much the same way as any other publishing house, although unlike commercial publishers it operates on a nonprofit basis and the emphasis is upon scholarly books. Offices for the administrative, editorial, production, and marketing departments are found at the University of Kentucky, which is responsible for the overhead cost of the publishing operation. (See Board of Trustees minutes, January 29, 1969.)

Each of the participating institutions of the Press maintains a committee consisting of faculty members appointed by that institution's administration. The chief function of these committees is to recommend to the Press for or against publication of manuscripts either written or submitted by faculty members of their respective institutions.

III. Membership

- A. The UK Press Committee is appointed by the President and reports to the Provost.
- B. UK Press Committee membership shall be comprised of individuals from the teaching and research faculty who shall have staggered three-year appointments.
- C. Any ex officio members shall be designated by the President.
- D. The Chair of the UK Press Committee also serves as the Chair of the University Press of Kentucky Editorial Board. (See Board of Trustees minutes, January 29, 1969.)

IV. Responsibilities

The specific responsibilities of the UK Press Committee include:

- A. Reviewing and considering scholarly manuscripts and other scholarly publishing projects such as journals and series which are submitted to it by UK faculty or others for possible publication by the Press. Only manuscripts receiving a favorable recommendation of the UK Press Committee shall be submitted to the Editorial Board of the Press for publication; and
- B. Preparing reports, as requested by the Provost.

References and Related Materials

KRS 164.165, University may operate printing plant

UK Board of Trustees minutes, January 29, 1969

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