

Proposed regulations prohibit sex discrimination in school program

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Meeting Title IX regulations of the 1972 Education Amendments could destroy the University Interscholastic League (UIL), said Supt. Fred A. Hopson at Monday's meeting of the A&M Consolidated School Board.

The proposed Title IX regulations which, if passed, will prohibit sex discrimination in education programs, present problems in forming male-female teams in extra-curricular sports, Hopson said.

UIL rules, which would be dictated by the Title IX regulations,

would not allow prospective team members to be chosen according to skill, since that would be discriminatory, said Hopson.

In combating this problem, the board approved a letter to President Ford requesting that the regulations be amended to provide for

"separate, comparable inter-school programs for boys and girls."

The letter stated that such an amendment would keep the required "equal programs and equal facilities" from becoming confused with "the same programs and the same facilities."

In meeting the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) stipulations for accreditation, Hopson said the board will have problems getting ready for the TEA visit, set for Oct. 30. He said, the TEA now requires that a school's governing board prepare a list of all extra-curricular activities in the district's schools and the number and ethnic standing of all persons involved in those activities.

The board must also present a roster of teachers and their ethnic standing since 1963, and a compilation of the ethnic composition of each classroom in the district, he said.

Also, the board moved to request a \$60,000 loan for covering payroll and current operating expenses since state funds will not be received until December.

Hopson said the delay in receiving tax dollars is due to a large part to tax payers finding it cheaper to pay the delinquent tax of 6 percent interest than paying the taxes on time. The board must wait two years before taking legal action against a delinquent taxpayer.

In other action, the board approved a policy which will allow temporarily disabled employees to negotiate terms of active and inactive duty. The policy requires that fringe benefits and payroll deductions, which are normally withheld from employee's paychecks, be paid by an employee when on leave.

The board directed the policy committee to study fair procedures for renting school buildings to community organizations when not in use by the school.

Under present policy, the board charges \$60 to organizations using cafeteria and kitchen facilities; \$30 for the use of school cafeterias; and \$2 for regular school room use.

The board set the date for the High School Student Council and school board meeting for Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. in the board room of the Services Building, 1300 Jersey.

Mexican-American group to sponsor education talk

The Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture will present a speech by Dr. Severo Gomez, at 8 p.m., Wednesday, in room 302 of the Rudder Center.

Dr. Gomez, state assistant commissioner of education, will discuss "Bilingual Education and Cultural Implications on Mexican-American Students."

The speaker is the state's first and only assistant commissioner for bilingual and international education. Gomez is also well known for his writings in the field of bilingual instruction.

The assistant commissioner has edited two books, "A Resource Manual for Implementing Bilingual Education Programs" and "A Guide for Implementing International Education Programs."

Gomez began his career in education as a science teacher in Benavides for seven years. He then became the supervisor for science education in the Rio Grande City school system. After receiving his doctorate at the University of Texas, Gomez joined the Texas Education Agency. In 1968 he was appointed to his present position.

Judicial Board votes to change by-law

A recommendation to change the Senate's election certification by-law was passed at the Judicial Board meeting Sunday.

The recommendation seeks to change the present procedure of the board certifying elections two days after they are held.

Because certifying an election means stating it was mechanically correct, it could prevent the board from deciding later election appeals impartially, said the recommendation.

"We want them to extend the time for certification or get rid of us having that role," said Jerri Ward, Judicial Board Chairman.

Ward said she thought the senate would be favorably inclined to changing Article IV Section VIII, the certification by-law.

Also at the meeting, a motion passed eliminating the office of vice chairman. The responsibility of chairing the board when the chairman is absent will be assumed by the senior member present.

Another motion passed specified the senior member of the majority side will write the majority opinion.

Ward said this year opinions will include evidence and the basis behind the decisions.

The majority opinion must bear the signature or comments of each

member voting in the majority. After approval, one copy is placed in the board's permanent file, another issued to the Battalion.

Ward said the Board had five hearings last year but strengthening the by-laws, to make the board more responsible, could encourage cases to be brought before it.

Also passed at the meeting was a motion eliminating the by-law requiring the board to meet the Tuesday after each senate meeting.

Ward called the requirement unworkable and unnecessary saying members can call a meeting whenever an important issue arises.

Another motion passed specifies more than four absence points from the beginning of the fall semester to the end of the spring semester results in removal from the board.

Each business meeting counts one point and each hearing counts two.

There was not time at the meeting to discuss injunction, a legal proceeding for stopping a senate action. The board is considering writing an injunction procedure into the by-laws modeled after the U.S. Supreme Court.

The board will meet Oct. 29, 7 p.m. in the student program office.

New charges expected in cover-up trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski indicated Monday he expects more charges will be brought in cases still under investigation by his office.

In an interview, Jaworski declined to discuss specific areas where new charges might be expected. He did say that investigations of illegal campaign contributions and the ITT anti-trust case are

"not yet completed."

Jaworski was asked if he would pursue an investigation against an individual who already had been convicted in another Watergate case.

"The fact that he is convicted in one Watergate case does not mean he is not going to be charged in another," the prosecutor replied.

Jaworski refused to discuss a specific possibility, the case of

former Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, one of five defendants in the Watergate cover-up trial.

It is understood that one of the matters under investigation by the prosecutor's ITT task force is Mitchell's testimony about the merger before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Mitchell testified at the hearings of the nomination of Richard C. Kleindienst to be attorney general.

As a result of their testimony at those hearings, charges were brought against both Kleindienst and former California Lt. Gov. Ed Reinecke.

Kleindienst pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of failing to testify fully. Reinecke was convicted of one count of perjury.

The charges against both men were based on their testimony about ITT, which was the main issue raised at the confirmation hearings.

Mitchell testified at those hearings that he never discussed the ITT case with then-President Nixon, a statement later contradicted by the White House. He also testified he was unaware of an ITT pledge to help underwrite the cost of the 1972 Republican National Convention at the time antitrust suits against the conglomerate were settled. That contention was contradicted by material made public by the House Judiciary Committee as part of its impeachment evidence.

Asked if any cases had been delayed until the cover-up trial jury had been chosen and shielded from publicity, Jaworski said, "There was one matter that has not yet come to a focus. If it had before the jury had been sequestered we would have delayed it."

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