

Many committees and deans Course changes require time

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Dr. J.M. Prescott, vice president for academic affairs, is chairman of the committee. Dean Haskell Monroe, Dean Edwin Cooper and Matula are standing members of the committee. Monroe is the dean of faculties and associate vice president for academic affairs. Cooper is the dean of admissions and records.

When enough requests have been submitted, a committee meeting is called. At the first meeting the committee goes over every detail "with a fine-toothed comb," Matula said.

In a meeting held Wednesday many new proposed courses were discussed, such as Agronomy 430 (Turf Grass Operations). This proposal was sent back to the department for what Prescott called "a better course description and a better name." Engineering Technology 350 (Electronic Devices) and English 335 (Literature of the Sea) were approved as proposed and will be voted on at the next meeting.

The committee holds a second

meeting to vote on the proposed courses.

After the curriculum committee approves courses they are sent to the Academic Programs Council for approval. This council consists of all the college deans. Prescott is the chairman.

Next, the Academic Council must approve the courses. The members of this council are all the deans, the department heads and elected faculty members. There are approximately 150 people on the council.

If the course makes it through all

these steps it is put into the catalog.

But this is not the end of the process. The new courses go to the Coordinating Board for Texas Colleges and Universities in January, so all new courses are subject to change. No course may be taught if it is not listed in the catalog.

The process is about the same at the graduate level, Matula said. Graduate courses must go through the Graduate College and then to the Graduate Instruction Committee and to Dean George Kunze, Graduate College dean.

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The College of Business Administration, in cooperation with the Office of Continuing Education, held its 16th seminar on "Financial Analysis for Decisionmaking." It was the largest of the three seminars this year.

"You can almost measure the business environment by the number of participants at our programs," said Dr. Bill Adams, seminar director. He said when business is intense, corporations are not as likely to send a representative.

The 58 participants attended sessions directed by professors from Texas A&M University's College of Business. Dr. Hohn C. Groth, Dr. Wayne Etter, Dr. Marvin Tummins and Dr. Earl D. Bennett instructed participants in various techniques in accounting and economic analysis.

Al James, operations manager of Appalachian Drilling Co. in Charleston, W.Va., said, "It was worth the money. They (the instructors) are attentive brilliant people. They do a very good job. They meet well with everybody and make you feel at ease." The seminar fee was \$325 per participant.

Bill Matson represented the Western Company in Fort Worth. He said the seminar was good, although he said much of it was review for him.

Jerry Denman, credit analyst at Federal Intermediate Credit Bank in Houston, felt the seminar was geared more to service and oil companies.

"It was different subject matter than I'm concerned with," he said. "I also complained about the 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. sessions, which he said were too long."

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The device, based on a totally new concept, is in development at Texas A&M University through an Electric Power Research Institute project headed by Dr. Don Russell of the Electrical Engineering department.

Development and testing of the device by Russell and two graduate students, Tom Talley of Fort Worth and Mik Aucoin of New Orleans, is funded through the Texas A&M Research Foundation and the University's Electric Power Institute.

The \$225,000, two-year project includes prototype construction and testing in a utility system.

The Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) at Palo Alto, Calif., is the nation's largest power systems research institution. EPRI is sponsored by most of the public utilities in the United States and channels research money primarily to industry for work on specific power problems.

"The problem has been around 75 years, ever since utility companies started distributing electricity," he said. "Present protective devices are incapable of detecting faults."

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