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In Advance Student Senate to hear bill to change election rules

By **FRANK SMITH**
 Staff Writer

The Student Senate Wednesday night will hear the first reading of a bill recommending that candidates for student body president and executive vice president campaign together on the same ticket.

For its provisions to be enacted, the bill first must be passed by the senate and approved by the student body as a constitutional amendment in the April 2 student elections. If that happens, the bill will become effective for the 1987-88 school year.

Under the current system, the student body president appoints his executive vice president after he takes office.

The senate also is scheduled to

hear the first readings of four other bills and take action on six others.

Another bill to be introduced recommends that the executive vice president be solely responsible for formulating the annual Student Government budget. Current senate bylaws dictate that he work with the senate finance committee in working out the budget.

However, Laurie Johnson, speaker of the senate, said the bill's sponsors are concerned that since the finance committee proposes student service fee allocations, its members might have a conflict of interest if they worked on developing the budget.

The senate meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington Classroom Building.

Faculty Senate assured no layoffs to be made

By **SONDRA PICKARD**
 Staff Writer

Dr. Gordon Eaton, provost for academic affairs, assured the Faculty Senate Monday at their meeting that Texas A&M doesn't plan to lay off any faculty or staff members currently employed by the University.

However, Eaton said, hiring has been frozen and vacant positions will be filled only under special circumstances.

The Senate also passed an amendment to the core curriculum proposal that will broaden its science requirement by including several more course choices.

Eaton, an ex-officio member of the Senate, gave a brief summary of the spending reductions recently drawn up by A&M in response to Gov. Mark White's order to cut the budget by 13 percent.

Besides the hiring freeze, cuts af-

fecting faculty members include travel limitations and possible restrictions on the summer school program.

Although Eaton said the University probably won't touch the summer teaching program this year, suggestions for future savings include covering summer classes with junior faculty members, overloading classes and limiting summer school to one session only.

Eaton also confirmed that staff personnel will receive a mandated 3 percent salary increase, but faculty raises are considered merit increases and not part of the mandated increase included in the appropriations bill for the current biennium.

In other business, the Senate continued amending the core curriculum proposal, replacing the origi-

nal science requirement with an amendment proposed by Sen. Gary Hart, professor of soil and crop sciences.

Hart's amendment will broaden the existing requirements in the document by adding several courses in science, two of which must deal with fundamental principles and use critical evaluation and analysis of data and processes. A minimum of one course must include a laboratory. Additional courses were added in biology, genetics, geography and meteorology.

The Senate also passed a section of the proposal which will require all students to take six hours of mathematical/logical reasoning, three of which must be in mathematics, selected from: Math 166, any calculus or more advanced level mathematics course, or Phil 240, 341, 342.

Advisory committee established by Vandiver

A&M seeking to recruit, retain minorities

By **DAVID CARTER**
 Reporter

With the establishment of the President's Advisory Council on Minority Conditions, Texas A&M has made a determined commitment to work on recruitment and retention of minority faculty, staff and students, says Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services.

The council was established in January by President Frank Vandiver to make recommendations regarding policies and programs that will enhance the quality of life for minorities at A&M.

The council will advise Vandiver in attaining a fully integrated environment at A&M.

Koldus calls the council a broad-based committee that is composed of people who have a sincere interest in

improving the University as it relates to minority students, faculty and staff.

"I think that the council can be most helpful in finding out where the problems are and second as resources for people in regard to recruitment and retention," Koldus says.

Koldus feels the problem with many committees is they have a tendency to jump right into finding solutions before they fully understand the problems that need solving, he says.

Koldus also says even though the council is intent upon bringing in more minorities, there is no guarantee more minorities will be interested in coming to A&M.

The first problem Koldus sees is one of perception, he says.

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"A lot of people perceive A&M and the University community as being a red neck community," Koldus says. "Therefore, minority students, staff members or faculty won't feel

comfortable in our University community either."

The best way to recruit undergraduate minorities is through scholarships, Koldus says.

"If you give a presidential scholarship to the brightest youngster in each high school, chances are that since that student is going to A&M another bright youngster will want to go to A&M," Koldus says.

The chairperson of the Memorial Student Center's Black Awareness Committee and student member of the president's council, Kimberly James, says a major factor in initial recruitment will be funding.

"With the state of the economy like it is, it's going to take some creative minds to come up with ways to attract minority students to our University," James says.

James says she was happy about being selected to the council and says she feels that there should be student involvement in the group.

Jose Acosta, chairman of the MSC's Committee on Mexican-American Culture, is the other student member serving on the council.

Acosta says there is a need for a counseling group made up of minority faculty members. These faculty members would be available to listen to minority students who are having problems with discrimination, he says.

"When you are faced with a case of discrimination you feel intimidated," Acosta says. "You don't know where to turn and even if you voice your complaint, you wonder if it won't get lost in all the shuffle."

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