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Reaction to policy varies among A&M groups

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Kevin Carreathers, committee member and director of A&M's Department of Multicultural Services, said he does not believe the new policy will cause problems for groups, including black and international students.

"I think some people believe the new policy will hurt their cause, but I don't believe it will," Carreathers said.

When asked his opinion of Mobley's revised statement, Carreathers said the original statement might be too long.

"How long can it be? Do we include left-handed people, obese people?" he asked.

Carreathers said anyone experiencing harassment or discrimination should take their problem to appropriate University channels spelled out in the policy.

A&M officials are responsive to complaints when proper channels are used, he said.

The new statement directs students to contact A&M's Office of Student Affairs with harassment and discrimination problems.

Faculty members should contact the Office of the Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost, and staff should contact the Human Resource Department, the statement reads.

Dr. Patricia Alexander, chairwoman of the Faculty Senate Status of Women Committee, said she supports the new statement except for the word "illegal."

The statement should make clear that individuals at A&M are protected from all forms of harassment and discrimination, she said.

Some forms of harassment and discrimination are not prohibited by Texas law, but should be guarded against in University policy, she said.

Alexander said she plans to propose "illegal" be dropped from the statement during Wednesday's Committee for a Discrimination-Free Campus closed meeting.

Alexander, also a committee member, said she is confident Mobley intends to protect all campus groups from harassment and discrimination.

"Now we are concerned with the public's perception," Alexander said. "If perception is different than what is intended, I think we will re-evaluate the policy."

Juan Ignacio Corujo, president of A&M's International Student Association, told the committee last week he does not

perceive the new policy as helpful in preventing harassment and discrimination.

Corujo also told the committee some international and black students object to being called minorities.

"Call us what we are — Hispanic, black, gay, Martian or whatever," Corujo said last week.

The new discrimination statement does not contain "minority," Corujo said his remarks were for the committee's future reference.

Carl Carey, a member of the Committee for a Discrimination-Free Campus and A&M's Black Awareness Committee, refused to comment on the statement.

Attempts to contact Corujo and Karmen Moss, president of A&M's Black Awareness Committee, were unsuccessful.

Gays fear University retribution

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At one point during the forum, Mazzullo asked homosexuals in the room to stand. Twenty-seven of 36 people present, not counting the committee, responded by standing and applauding.

"These are the so-called deviants," Mazzullo said.

Sean Loney, an A&M student and GLSS member, told the committee he would not want to attend A&M if sexual orientation is removed from University policy.

"I don't want a prof to look at me, say 'He might be gay,' and give me an F," Loney said.

Andrew Nunberg, an A&M graduate student and GLSS member, agreed the University needs a specific policy.

"You get a homophobic professor, it can be a bad time," Nunberg told the committee.

Other homosexual speakers most willing to have their names printed, repeated many of the above comments.

One student, who said he could lose his University job if his name were printed, said specific discrimination policies would provide job insurance.

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