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POLICY

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discriminating against them is not OK," said Amy Hinze, a proponent of the addendum and a senior sociology major. "It sends a clear message that gay students are an equal part of the Aggie community."

Jordan Davis, president of the GLBTA and a junior English major, described the policy as "word-smithing," but said he was glad all parties concerned were able to come together for resolution.

"I do realize the importance of this as a statement from the University," Davis said. "That alone — that the University is moving in a positive direction — is a very important step."

Marcus Wilkerson, another supporter of the cause and a sophomore general studies major, also spoke in favor of Bowen's decision.

"I am very excited," he said. "I personally feel that it was Dr. Bowen's intention to do the right thing, and I believe that he has done that. I think this is another step in the University's goal to becoming one of the top 10 in the world."

SENATE

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Texas State Legislature moving the cap on the fee from its current position of \$40 to \$100," Busche said. "Finally, if approved, the referendum would also show student support for the creation of legislation which would grant the student fee advisory committee the power to raise the fee if the increase is less than 10 percent of the current fee without student referendum."

A Student Center Complex Fee increase greater than 10 percent would require a student referendum, before the Board of Regents would consider the increase.

"If the \$10 increase is approved by the referendum and the Board of Regents, it would take effect for the Fall 2001 semester," said Dr. William Kibler, associate vice-president for Student Affairs.

Student Services Chair Lorenzo Gonzalez, a junior environmental design major, proposed a resolution during the meeting that asked that student leaders take more time before putting this referendum into the Fall 2000 elections.

"Our resolution simply asks that student leaders enter into negotiations to discuss the \$60 increase in the cap," Gonzalez said. "Due to a lack of confident information on this topic, we do not feel it is the appropriate time for student leaders to allow an ill-informed student body to vote on this issue. We do, however, support the one-time \$10 increase and propose that it be placed on the spring ballot to allow for a larger, and hopefully more accurate representation of the student body to take place."

Also discussed at the Wednesday meeting was a bill that would update committees within the Student Government Association (SGA). The bill called for the Old Main Society and the Winter Spirit of Aggieland committee to be removed from the executive branch by-laws, which means they are no longer committees within the SGA. The bill called for committees to be removed due to lack of membership and financial activity. The bill was considered in its first reading at Wednesday's meeting; it will be reviewed in committee and voted on at the Sept. 20 meeting.

WATER

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The utilities department keeps track of their systems daily and has had no major financial investments for a great length of time. The process is a timely task, entailing administrative functions, creation by the facilities department, construction documentation, bidding, contraction and inspection.

The original plans, projected to the Board of Regents in May 1998, proposed a 12-plank list of projects with estimated cost of \$56 million. Not all were approved immediately, but the 12 projects will all be introduced in increments. The Domestic Water System Improvement plan was approved Dec. 15, 1999.

"It is a large sum of money and includes several

major investments, but all these projects are vital to the University," Hagge said. "Everyone will benefit at the end."

Seven of the projects, projected to cost \$34 million are well underway, with the others expected to begin within the next three years.

"It's one thing to conceive a plan and another to execute it," Hagge said.

The layout of the new pipe construction has added a 30-inch diameter pipe along Wellborn Road from Agronomy Road until the railroad.

Another section has been installed by Bizzell Street to the College Avenue extension near the Student Activities Building. More pipes have been laid near Penberthy driving range and along George B. Drive.

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