

ROTC 'discrimination' gets fire SUAB votes to align military rules with University

By Sandy Johnstone
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In a straw vote Thursday, the Student University Affairs Board voted 6-2, with two abstentions to bring ROTC practice in line with University policy prohibiting discrimination based on sexual preference.

The motion, submitted by philosophy Prof. Cheyney Ryan, addresses the issue of prohibiting homosexuals in the military, including the University's ROTC program. The motion would require the military science department to conform with University affirmative action guidelines or disband.

The motion charges the military science department does not allow homosexuals to get scholarships or to take upper-division courses.

Faculty hiring practices don't conform with University policy either because an outside military agency screens faculty, the motion says.

At the meeting, Ryan said he is aware that students would suffer if ROTC scholarships were cut, but "the principle of non-discrimination is one we must take seriously — either enforce it (administrative rules) or take it off the books."

At universities where ROTC programs have been eliminated, the institutions often will continue to award the scholarships, said Ryan.

Although SUAB invited ROTC representatives to attend the meeting to present their case, the ROTC could not attend, said SUAB Chair Dan Allen.

Ryan said he tried to write the motion to allow the ROTC options but added he would be "surprised if the Army would tolerate



University Pres. Paul Olum

changes."

"Realistically the ROTC may not be able to comply with any of the motion (and remain on campus)," said Ryan.

Members of the University Assembly may not want to discuss the issues because of budget problems, he said. He says a motion limiting debate on the ROTC issue may be made at the assembly meeting as has happened with past ROTC proposals.

The University Senate will address the motion in late April.

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ASUO Constitution may get overhaul

By Richard Burr
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The ASUO Constitution Review Committee revised most of the ASUO Constitution during a Wednesday work session, recommending more than 40 changes.

The committee clarified the powers of several student governing bodies, corrected grammatical errors and eliminated certain institutions, such as the elections court and the senior class officers, from the document.

The recommendations will be forwarded to ASUO Pres. C.J. Balfe, who will decide which changes to place on the ASUO election ballot.

The committee suggested Balfe put all the recommendations on the ballot for a combined single vote, instead of voting on each change separately.

One committee recommendation would clarify the Student University Affairs Board's structure.

The constitution requires the election of all 18 SUAB members, who represent academic constituencies.

Under SUAB rules, only 17 members are elected. Those 17 members select a chair from their ranks. SUAB then selects another student to replace the constituent position vacated by the newly elected chair.

The review committee, which Balfe appointed in January, changed the constitution to coincide with SUAB's existing structure.

If the change is not placed on the ballot or the student body does not approve it, SUAB would have to hold a special election for an 18th "at-large" member, according to a recent ASUO Constitution Committee ruling.

Under the changes, SUAB also would confirm the appointments of ASUO Constitution Committee members.

The committee also made the ASUO election ballot more

accessible to student governing bodies.

The EMU Board, SUAB, Incidental Fee Committee and ASUO President could place initiatives on the ballot pertaining to their responsibilities without petitioning. The EMU Board could not place budget questions on the ballot.

The committee approved a change allowing the IFC — with a two-thirds majority — to place proposals increasing incidental fees more than 7 percent on the ballot.

Proposals previously could not be placed on the ballot without a petition signed by 5 percent of the students or the ASUO President's instruction.

The Incidental Fee Committee cannot raise the fee more than 7 percent for ASUO programs, except the EMU House and Administration Budget and the athletic department subsidy.

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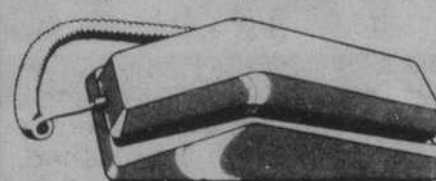
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