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Student government split over constitution revision

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The amendments presented by the three member Constitution Revision Committee of the Associated Student Government (ASG), were passed 11-5 at the March 11 ASG meeting.

The revisions, including cutting the number of ASG Senators and officers in half and making senatorial seats selected rather than elected, are to be voted on by the student body April 8-9.

As it stands, Article V, sections I and II are up for questioning. Section I states "The elected officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Business Manager."

If the revisions are passed, the offices of business manager and secretary will be terminated.

The business manager's job, which consists of keeping track of ASG funds, will be a required task of the vice president. The duties of the elected secretary, which consist of keeping all official ASG documents on file, will be found under the duties of administrative assistant, an appointed position.

If the revised edition of Article V, Section I is passed, the number of elected officers will be reduced from four to two. Those wishing to fill the shoes

of the three remaining appointee positions (administrative assistant, assistant to the president, and activities

director) will be selected by a committee of five members: two ASG officers, two students (not ASG members), and one ASG staff member. Their selection will be based on interviews concerning their skills and goals in ASG.

The second amendment up for popular vote is Article V Section II, which concerns itself with the selection and number of senatorial positions. Currently, 20 senators are elected each year by the student body. If passed, Section II will reduce the number of senators to ten. Also, their seats will be selected in the same manner as the unelected executive cabinet positions.

In a prepared statement, President Crosby defended the hotly debated subject, "I said last year I wanted to cut spending to be fair to all students. By changing the constitution to its present recommendations, fewer students will be in student government, but the selection process should insure the best motivated persons will represent the students."

Not all ASG members agree with the changes. Business Manager Steve Vohs disagrees with the elimination of Business Manager, citing that such a large position may be too much for the vice presi-

dent to handle. Crosby said, "There's no reason in the world the vice president shouldn't be able to handle the extra work."

That is not the only question raised concerning the revisions developed by Assistant to the President Joe Schweizer, Vice President Suzy Ryan, and Senator Emma Nelson. Senator Jerri Hale, one of the Senate's most outspoken members by his own admission, feels that there are better ways of solving the high turnover rates of ASG members.

None of his solutions, however, match the Schweizer-Ryan-Nelson revisions. "When you have the administration selecting the administration, what do you have?" Hale asked. "Certainly not a true democracy."

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Staff Photo by Duane Hiersche
HIGH WIRE ACT, a local squirrel celebrates the coming of spring by posing on a telephone wire.

College Board

Gregory, Weigant elected

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William C. Gregory, 65, was elected to Zone 5 (West Linn and part of Canby) while Kathleen Weigant was elected to Zone 1 (Milwaukie) for the College Board of Education last Tuesday. Both candidates ran unopposed.

Incumbent Board member, Gregory, who collected 2187 votes, is a retired principal of five West Linn schools including: Willamette, Bolton, Cedar Oak Park, Sunset, and Old Stafford School. he has been a resident of West Linn for 35 years.

Gregory said, "A sound and stable financial base for building and operation of the College is needed, as well as resources to continue with a well-planned building program."

In discussing other challenges that the College faces, Gregory said, "Local control of our district so that we can determine our own requirements to fulfill the needs

of students is an important matter. "Continued evaluation of our programs; revising and changing whenever need appears," is another one of his objectives as a Board member.

Gregory has a background in finance and public relations, which he feels will help him as a Board member.

The Board member filling

the Zone 1 position, Kathleen Weigant, received 2,065 votes, and is a student at Portland

State University. Weigant said being a student gives her "a unique viewpoint in management of the College.

"I also have a long-range viewpoint and I'm particularly concerned that no short-range actions are taken to save

money that will compromise the quality institution that this College has become," Weigant said.

Weigant said one of the important challenges facing the College is "how the policies are set to cope with the real and anticipated budget shortfalls is going to affect the purpose of the College."

Weigant was appointed to the Board in December of last year, to fill the vacancy left by Anne Nickel, who resigned in November.

College attracts Taiwanese

By Kristi Blackman
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Most freshman who enter college go through the transition of leaving home and the security there, and going into the world of college life, but what about a man who finished his education and flew from Taiwan to America to better his career?

Yeong-Tzer Chen, an instructor from the College's sister college, Wu-Feng Technical College in Taiwan, will be studying architectural drafting techniques here at the College.

"It is here I have learned a

new style for construction."

Chen said. Chen will teach the "new knowledge" to his students in Taiwan. He said he would also like to attend a university during his stay here and compare the techniques of a community college and a university.

"Instruction here is not the same as in Taiwan," explained Chen of his six-year teaching career. "In Taiwan, architectural drafting is one class with 10 to 15 students," Chen said, comparing it to the College's drafting class of 25 students. Chen feels he is able to assist his students more effectively and on an individual basis due to class size.



YEONG-TZAR CHEN

Chen isn't the only one in his family with a college education. Chen's wife is also an architectural drafting instructor at the Wu-Feng Technical College. Chen and his wife have two children, who are in Taiwan.