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Selection procedure unsettled

The first 51 minutes of the Academic Council meeting Tuesday were spent clearing preliminary business and establishing procedure for dealing with the star agenda item — Procedure for Selecting the President of the University.

The document was presented for discussion but no vote at the Nov. 29 meeting and council members were urged to submit amendments in writing to the ad hoc committee which developed the procedure with the help of two trustees.

The ad hoc committee presented 12 amendments to its own document Tuesday, many of them designed to accommodate some of the recommendations submitted by council members. These amendments will be voted on as part of the total document.

Although council extended its usual 5 p.m. cutoff to 5:30 p.m., it still could not reach closure on the document and met again Wednesday in an attempt to get it ready for submission to the Board of Trustees at its monthly meeting today and Friday.

The section of the document dealing with the naming of the chairperson of the search and selection advisory committee was amended from the floor by Jack Stieber, director of the School of Labor and Industrial Relations. The Stieber motion, which was approved, provided that the chairperson should be elected by the advisory committee from among the elected faculty members of the committee.

The original wording called for the Board of Trustees to name the chairperson from among the members of the advisory committee and one of the ad hoc committee amendments narrowed this selection by the board to be from among the elected faculty members.

Also amended on the floor Tuesday was the section dealing with the number of names on the "recommended list" of candidates to be submitted by the advisory committee to the board for selection of the president. The amendment approved by council reduced the number of names on the list from "at least five" to "at least three but not more than five."

An amendment calling for the advisory committee to designate each name on the recommended list as "recommended" or "highly recommended" was defeated. The provision remains that the advisory committee shall not, unless asked by the

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