

Trustees gain input on president's selection

With the immediate problem of an interim president settled, the Board of Trustees Friday afternoon turned its attention to the procedure for selecting a president of the University.

In a rather informal discussion trustees asked students and faculty present for ideas and input in the matter of steps and directions in the preparation of a procedure for choosing the chief executive officer.

Trustees did vote to direct that the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Board meet with faculty and student

representatives to form such a procedure. President Wharton read to the group from the *Bylaws for Academic Governance* that section that pertains to selection of the President. Section 3.2.5.4 says "The Academic Council shall develop procedures acceptable to the Board of Trustees for the participation of faculty and students in the selection of the President."

The present procedure which was the one used in the selection of President Wharton is an outdated document called the Taylor I Report. It was approved by

Academic Council in February, 1969 and has had no revisions.

Changes in that procedure are necessary, said vice chairman of the board, John Bruff, noting that the old document called for a representative from Oakland University, that the degree of student involvement was slight and that the new open meeting act may change procedures.

Trustee Jack Stack asked what the criteria for a president should be and that if the Provost was the chief academic officer, should a chief executive officer

have the same qualifications.

Answering was President Wharton who interpreted the position of the American Association of University Professors on the subject. The primary activities of the institutions are academic, the president said. Therefore a chief executive officer who could just as well be a chief academic officer, should be president. "What is needed is a dual set of competencies," the president said, "Otherwise a president could not understand the nature of the academic exercise."

W.D. Collings, professor of physiology and chairman of the University Committee on Academic Policy, agreed, "A University president sits with large numbers of organizations throughout the country of an academic nature," Collings said, "and the stature of the University rests on this individual and his academic expertise."

President Wharton emphasized the critical importance of timing. If the whole process goes as quickly as possible, he said, it will still take until the end of spring term.

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between the UCFA recommendation and the administration recommendation "is a real one.

"It does not represent a compromise at this point," he said. "We will continue looking most seriously at the end results regarding these salary adjustments."

Jack Breslin, executive vice president, presented what he called "a rather ambitious capital outlay proposal," totaling \$137 million. The request included

house the Department of Metallurgy, Mechanics and Materials Science.

An amount of \$1.195 million will be requested to make nine presently inaccessible buildings accessible to handicappers. Most of that amount will be for elevators.

Other items include \$3.5 million to complete construction of the baghouse filter system to bring Power Plant '65 into compliance with clean air standards.

Department of Community Health Science to be jointly administered by the colleges;

+Granted a restricted drilling lease on the Jones property in Oakland County to Reef Petroleum of Traverse City; and

+Approved reprinting of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees to include amendments and changes made since the last printing in 1965.