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Selection still AC concern

After four appearances under the Academic Council microscope, the proposed presidential selection procedure is beginning to come into focus, but a fifth appearance is scheduled for 3:15 p.m. Jan. 10 in the Con Con Room of the International Center.

At the last meeting, Dec. 13, the council considered a compendium of proposed amendments compiled by the ad hoc committee which prepared the original selection procedure with the help of two rustees. Many of the amendments were offered at the Dec. 6 meeting when council failed to achieve a quorum and could not take action.

The amendments approved included provisions that "without respect to quotas" women and minorities will be included in the slate of candidates for positions on the search and selection advisory committee; names of nominees and candidates shall be considered confidential; a job description shall be agreed on by the advisory committee and the Board of Trustees before the screening fcandidates begins; and that the advisory committee "shall" rather than "may" conduct interviews.

Also approved was an amendment shich deleted most of the last six sections of the original document and replaced hem with two sentences which read:

"The intention of this procedure is that he Board shall appoint a person from the Recommended List;" and

"The Chairperson of the Advisory Committee shall deliver the Recommended List into the hands of the hairperson of the Board of Trustees."

The council defeated an amendment, offered at the suggestion of Trustee John huff, that the Advisory Committee and he Board of Trustees shall jointly select he chairperson of the advisory committee num the tenured faculty members of the

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University. The council earlier decided that the chairperson should be elected by the advisory committee from among the tenured faculty members serving on the committee.

Council did not consider any amendments related to the size of the "recommended list" although the compendium mentioned that this issue had been a source of concern to several trustees.

Also defeated was an amendment that provided that the "recommended list" shall be made known to the University committee. Council members objected that this would open up the selection procedure as a "popularity contest" and that it might result in "trial by newspaper" of the nominees.

When the Dec. 13 meeting was adjourned, the council had dispensed with all of the items on the compendium, but the document was not considered "in toto." Further amendments and motions for reconsideration will be in order at the Jan. 10 meeting.