

Selection procedure gets finishing touches

A burst of applause accompanied the unanimous approval of a presidential selection procedure during the 35-minute Academic Council meeting Tuesday.

Council acted on six proposed amendments, approving four and defeating two, before giving the nod to the entire document. Unlike four previous meetings where discussion was extensive, revision of the procedure Tuesday came almost without debate.

Among the changes were insertion of a provision that the Board of Trustees may ask the advisory committee to reconsider the "recommended list;" reinstatement of a provision that the advisory committee shall not, unless asked by the board, declare a preference with respect to candidates on the "recommended list;" and clarification of two references to faculty as being the "regular faculty of the University."

Defeated were amendments asking for insertion of a provision giving the advisory committee authority to release the "recommended list" and addition of the statement that "to have the full support of the University community the new president should have met the criteria of the advisory committee and have their endorsement."

The procedure, prepared by a 6-person ad hoc committee working with two trustees, will now be sent to the Board of Trustees for consideration. The board meets next Jan. 26-27.

In other business at Tuesday's meeting, Academic Council approved a report from the University Committee on Curriculum which included 8 curriculum changes, 51 new courses, 110 changes in courses and 16 dropped courses. In response to a question about changes in the curriculum in Justin Morrill College, Harold Johnson, curriculum committee chairman, told council members that the college will be accepting freshmen next year.

Council members were informed by Gwendolyn Norrell, chairwoman of the Steering Committee, that the last agenda item, "Proposed Procedure for Selecting at the All-University Level the Principal Academic Officers and Administrators Other Than the President," has been referred to the University Committee on Academic Governance for determination of how the document should be reintroduced for action. Consideration of the document was tabled last spring when it was discovered that two different versions had been distributed. Council adjourned at an unprecedented 3:50 p.m.

1978," Harden said. "It is reaffirmation of the private sector's generous response to the University's needs, and it gives new strength and encouragement to the efforts of our volunteers to complete the campaign within the next few months."

Harden praised the leadership of Clifton R. Wharton, Jr., who left the MSU presidency Jan. 1 after eight years to become chancellor of the State University of New York.

"The gifts now being announced are the direct result of the inspiration and hard work of Clif Wharton in organizing and launching the enrichment program," he said.

"There are other prospective major contributions in various stages of completion that also can be linked to his efforts and contacts. Given this start and the enthusiasm it evokes, I have no reservations about the campaign being a complete success."

The \$1 million Mott Foundation contribution was designated for the performing arts center, a structure that will give MSU long-sought modern and

students and the general public, and also be available to such community groups as the Lansing Symphony Orchestra and the Grand Opera Guild of Lansing.

The gift from Leone and Walter Patenge consists of 170 acres of prime undeveloped land in Meridian Township which borders on East Lansing.

They have presented the land to the MSU Foundation with a recommendation that it be sold and the proceeds used to fund an endowed faculty chair in the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

An endowed chair permits the University to use the income from the endowment to support salary compensation for a distinguished faculty member and to provide research and staff support.

Walter Patenge, a noted Michigan industrialist, has long been associated with the field of osteopathic medicine and is the first and only president of the Michigan Osteopathic Medicine Advisory Board. He also is an MSU alumnus and has been active in alumni and Development Council activities.

Ad seeks presidential aspirants

All listings for positions available at MSU customarily appear on Page 6 of the *MSU News-Bulletin*. The one below, because of its expected interest to the campus community, gets Page 1 billing.

This advertisement is also appearing in the *Chronicle for Higher Education*, (Jan. 9 and Jan. 16 issues) and *The New York Times*, (the Jan. 15 issue), said Robert Perrin, vice president for university and federal relations.

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Nominations and letters of application with *curricula vitae* are requested by February 17, 1978 and should be sent to:

Search and Selection Committee
c/o Secretary,

Board of Trustees
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Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan 48824

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