

Board to consider presidential search items

Members of the Board of Trustees said they hope to be able to announce Oct. 9 who their selections are for two key roles in the ongoing MSU presidential search.

On Oct. 2, the board interviewed four consulting firms, one of which would work with the board during the search, and two faculty members, one of whom would be executive director of the search.

The board subcommittee for the presidential search is expected to make recommendations at the Oct. 9 full board meeting, which is scheduled to begin about 11:15 a.m. in the Board Room, Hannah Administration Building, following meetings of the Trustee Finance Committee and Trustee Policy Committee.

"I think we had excellent interviews with four consulting firms, each with excellent qualifications," Trustee Russell Mawby said. "I think we're blessed with a tough decision. We have four good alternatives."

Board members asked the firms about

their understanding of the land-grant mission, their understanding of and willingness to work within Michigan's Open Meetings Act, and their commitment to diversity, among other topics.

The firms interviewed were the Kaludis Consulting Group of Nashville, Tenn.; Heidrick and Struggles Inc. of Chicago; Presidential Search Consultation Service of Washington, D.C.; and Academic Search Consultation Service of Washington, D.C.

"I was impressed with all the presentations," said Henry Silverman, professor of history and secretary for academic governance. "They are all obviously very well-qualified firms. The board will have a difficult time choosing."

Bruce L. Miller and Chester A. Francke were interviewed as candidates to be executive director of the search. Miller, professor of philosophy, most recently was director of MSU's semester transition team. Francke is a professor of education.

The Trustee Finance Committee meeting on Oct. 9 will begin at 9 a.m. On the agenda for action are items regarding the appointment of an architect/engineer for animal agriculture facilities and an Engineering Building addition, audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, an investment recommendation, 1993-94 budget request guidelines and establishment of three funds functioning as endowments. The committee will also receive information on MSU property holding and restructuring financing.

The Trustee Policy Committee will meet immediately following the finance committee meeting. On the agenda are reports on semester conversion, enrollment and recycling.

The full board agenda includes public participation; reports from the committees, president and board chairperson; personnel actions, including designation of 14 more distinguished University professors; and a report on gifts, grants and contracts.