

# Council seeks input on 'U' presidency

A motion "strongly urging" the Board of Trustees to include faculty, student and alumni in the presidential search process was passed by Academic Council on Tuesday.

The motion, which received unanimous support, said faculty, graduate and undergraduate students, and alumni should be active participants in the selection of both an interim and a permanent president.

Henry Silverman, professor of history and secretary for academic governance, noted that faculty and students had a very active role in the selection of Cecil Mackey, who became president in 1979. However, in the selection of President John DiBiaggio, only two faculty members and one student served on the search committee.

In comments to the council, DiBiaggio said he was concerned about rumors and

hoped the board would act quickly in naming an interim president. He also expressed his appreciation to the "dedicated" faculty of MSU for their support during his seven-year tenure.

"It was a deep honor and privilege to serve as president of this university," he said.

In other action, council adopted a number of changes in the *Bylaws for Academic Governance* concerning student government. The changes are in response to the formation of the new Academic Assembly, which will replace Student Council.

Academic Council, after much debate, also adopted a University Committee on Curriculum report.

The Steering Committee of Academic Council, in a special meeting prior to the council meeting, re-elected Marvin Grandstaff, professor of educational administration, as chairperson for 1992-93 and P. David Fisher, professor of electrical engineering, as vice chairperson.