



Excalibur - Harry Kitz

Justice Bora Laskin was given a vote of confidence by the senate.

Committee to hear senate vote

Search endorsed by senators

By BOB ROTH

York's senate last Thursday endorsed a continued search for a new university president following assurances that the board of governors would only pick a candidate with broad senate support.

The decision to renew the search became necessary when all three candidates for the job of York president withdrew their names.

Two of the candidates, York dean of arts John Saywell and University of Toronto dean of arts and science Albert Allen, dropped out because they opposed the presidential selection procedure.

Thursday, however, the senate gave a vote of confidence to the presidential search committee.

The search committee will now find three to five candidates and submit their names to the board, who will make the final choice.

Some senators were earlier upset that the results of a senate preferential ballot of candidates would be released only to the chairman of the board and the chairman of the search committee, Justice Bora Laskin, also a board member.

The senators felt that since only board members would know the results they could disregard the senate's preference.

Other senate critics were concerned that the board

might add new candidates' names after the senate ballot.

Laskin said he would disassociate himself from the board if this were attempted.

The acceptance by senate of the presidential search procedures appears to have ended a long-running power struggle between the senate and the board of governors over who was to have the dominant voice in choosing York's next president.

The controversy over procedure came to a head Jan. 5 when Saywell withdrew his candidacy charging the procedure was "unwise, if not disastrous" and suggesting that senate have the "preponderant voice" in the presidential selection.

He also charged that slanderous tactics were being employed by some members of the university to discredit Allen and himself.

Three days afterwards, Allen withdrew and suggested that the search committee "make one recommendation to the board" instead of supplying the list of three to five names.

During Thursday's senate meeting, John Conway, master of Founders college, harshly denounced Saywell's allegations of slanderous tactics.

Conway said he personally opposed Saywell's candidacy and charged that since Saywell's appointment as dean "not one new idea has emerged from his office."

Charges being set for stealing books

By JUDY TURNER

About 30 people in the York community will rest easier as a result of a bookstore committee meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

At that time, Brayton Polka, senior tutor of Vanier College tabled a liberal paper of recommendations concerning action to be taken against bookstore pilferers, 30 of whom are presently awaiting work of possible punishment.

The main proposals of the paper are as follows: in the case of a first offense, the manager will inform the appropriate administrative officer (for an undergrad, this is the master of his college; for a grad, the dean of his faculty, and for a faculty member, his chairman or dean.) This officer will recommend to the bookstore manager what action is to be taken — whether a reprimand or charges laid in the university or public courts. According to Polka's outline, the manager retains the discretion either to drop the case or lay a charge.

In the case of subsequent offenses, more serious immediate action will be taken. The manager then can in consultation with the administrative officer lay charges directly in either the university or public courts.

In the discussion of the proposals, Donald Solitar of the mathematics department expressed concern about the dangerous precedent of giving the university community special status with these internal disciplinary measures. He added that in his opinion the university member should not be given any preferential treatment but should be subject with non-university people to a uniform policy.

These recommendations are to be redrafted into a shorter form by two student committee members, David Fitz-Gibbon and Gary Wasserman and presented at a further meeting.

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