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President Fott called the meeting to order. Seventeen senators were present; absent were members McDermott, Larsen, Bekus, Gupton, Mcleod and Sears. Senator Woodward moved, Senator Stedman seconded, approval of the minutes with the addition of full senate approval to any Executive Committee appointments to committees.

The letter of thanks sent to each of the four Presidential candidates was read to the Senate.

The ad hoc Presidential Retirement Committee Chairman Jim Nixon gave a report. The committee seems to be well along in its preparations for a pot luck dinner to honor the retiring President and his wife. The dinner is tentatively set for Friday, January 9. A program of light music for the evening is being planned by Tom Cowan and Johnnie Givens. In reference to the gift for the President, Nixon said the committee had thought of several alternatives and asked the Senate for other suggestions.

President Fott made a statement on the Presidential Search Committee urging the faculty to remember two things:

1. The results of the Faculty Senate ballot were presented forcefully to the committee in the November 2 meeting.
2. Chancellor Nicks' recommendations to the Board of Regents was a reflection of the overwhelming majority of the members of the committee.

A discussion followed on the feeling of the Senate about the Presidential Search Committee. President Fott read a letter to the newly appointed president pledging cooperation and support of the faculty. The letter was informally approved by the Senate. Several senators expressed criticism about the whole process after which Senator Woodward moved and Senator Hunt seconded the following motion: The minutes of the four interview sessions and post-interview discussions will be written up jointly and will not contain any specific information about the ballot of the Faculty Senate. The results of the ballot will, of course, be made available to any faculty member who wishes them. The motion carried after some lively discussion.

The document concerning the structure of the Standing Committee caused a great deal of discussion centering on whether enough research and care had been invested in the document. Senator Der objected to the misuse of the language and presented a file of information dealing with the structure of committees at other schools. Other senators felt that it was more important to set up the committees quickly. A compromise motion was proposed by member Nixon in the following manner: The document on the structure of Standing Committees will be approved for the duration of the Winter Quarter at the completion of which an ad hoc committee will be formed to review the committee structure. The motion carried. In regard to specific committee assignments, Senator Woodward stepped down as chairman of the Faculty Benefits Committee to be replaced by Senator Stedman. Senator Woodward made and Senator Stedman seconded the following motion: The Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and the ad hoc committees must be members of the Faculty Senate and the members of the Standing Committees will be limited to full-time faculty persons. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned.

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