Petition Calls For Meeting
Says Campus Fate Involves Education

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Eleven University professors have prepared a petition asking University Provost C. A. Ervheim, to call a special faculty meeting to vote on a resolution, directed to the Board of Regents, which asks the recommendation to erect a building in the lake-side, wooded area of Bascom Hill.

It was learned that the group, which includes several department heads, feels that the location of campus buildings "as an educational matter that falls within the province of faculty responsibility as outlined by a law of the Regents," and that the faculty hall had "no time or opportunity" for discussion of the proposal.

The University Campus Planning Commission, established by the Regents, has recommended to the regents construction of a sociology-economics building in the wooded area of "the hill between the curtilage lower and Ellicott Waters Hall." A survey by The Capital Times Writers as a day shown side of the nine Regent faculty are favorably disposed towards at least a limited holding program in the area.

The resolution upon which the petitioning group wants the faculty of the University to vote states that it "is the province of this faculty to prevent any further encroachment on the wooded area of the present campus."

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"The University owns a great deal of property near University Avenue. Why cannot substantial buildings be erected there (incidentally) they would keep Chadbourne Hall from sticking out like a sore thumb and let Bascom Hill retain the beauty which has been our justified boast, and which provides one far from insignificant element in our education?" Agard asked.

Prof. Haugen, one of the signers, said that the group actually drew the petition the other day, before the recommendation of the planning body became public news.

"It was drawn up several days ago by a group of people who expressed interest in this problem and want to request a special meeting to discuss alternatives presented by the Planning Commission to the faculty at an earlier meeting," Haugen said.

"There was no time or opportunity for discussion on the part of the faculty at the previous meeting. The administration asked for questions but there was no discussion. We felt there was a need for talking it over in an orderly manner in the faculty and giving an opportunity for the faculty as a whole to be heard."

The Planning Commission is appointed by the Regents and is not responsible to the faculty, although it includes a few faculty representatives.

"A few members of the faculty gathered to prepare a request of the president that a special faculty meeting be called to discuss the problem."

"This is an informal, self-appointed committee. No attempt has been made to secure signatures widely," Haugen said.

The Planning Commission's recommendation will go to the