Faculty Gives Up Battle Against Woods Building

The University faculty, almost without dissent, agreed Monday night on a resolution which would permit the erection of an Economics-Sociology-Anthropology Building in the woods north of Commerce Building on the Madison campus.

The resolution, which was passed by voice vote, was proposed by Prof. Einer Haugen, who has been a faculty leader in the fight against building in the woods, and incorporated a recommendation made by the Campus Planning Commission, the group which first suggested the move into the woods.

Prof. Haugen made it clear, however, that he still favors no building in the woods. And Dean Kurt Wendlt, chairman of the Campus Planning Commission, said he still felt that the possibility of locating more than a single building in the woods should be left open for consideration.

But it was a combination resolution, worked out by Haugen and Wendlt, which finally won faculty approval, after some good natured quibbling about whether woods could be preserved "in perpetuity."

The resolution approved declared: "That the Regents be urged to include in the John Muir Park as much of the Bascom Hill Woods as is not actually needed for the Social Studies building, provided such allowance is made for expansion of the facilities in this area as may be required for the future needs of the departments concerned."

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Prof. Haugen originally stated the motion without the proviso for expansion. He said 100 faculty signatures had been obtained on a petition supporting it. Dean Wendlt reported that the Campus Planning Commission last week adopted a resolution providing "that if the Regents should stipulate that only one building is to be erected in the wooded area . . . the Regent action will have the approval of the Campus Planning Commission provided allowance is made for expansion of the facilities in this area as may be required for the future needs of the departments concerned."

An attempt to change the Haugen resolution to simple endorsement of the Building Commission resolution was not brought to vote. While this was under discussion, Wendlt and Haugen worked out the combined resolution.

The Regents are expected to take final action on the location of the building at their meeting Saturday. They delayed a decision last month to get an answer from the Campus Planning Commission on the single-building-in-the-woods proposal.