Dilemma

played by lobbyists are known to us now in somewhat greater detail. Emberton said a report on Wednesday's closed meeting and Alexander's reasons for withdrawing will be presented to the board on Sunday. He said Cole will determine which, if any, part of the report to release publicly.

Emerton reiterated that Alexander does not plan to reconsider his decision to withdraw. "Alexander's position all along has been that his decision is final." He takes him at his word that he won't reconsider," he said.

The other committee members refused comment as they emerged from the meeting Wednesday.

Regent Ron Sheffer, who was a member of the committee and who voted to delay the selection, said today the selection process has been a "fiasco and a failure" and explained he favors postponement of the selection for at least six months.

"I'm not going to vote for either of the two candidates. I'd rather just call a halt to the whole thing, wait six months from now, and look at it. I think we are all too involved in it, now, in defending the selection process," he said.

Sheffer said the selection has been too democratic and favors open permitting "too many people to get involved."

Faculty Regent William Buckman said it's possible to name the new president Sunday. "I'm hoping we can select a president with a 10-0 vote. But it is improbable, although not impossible, to get a unanimous vote for either of the two candidates," he said.

And Regent Hugh Poland, who was the only regent to vote for the delay who did not meet with Alexander, said he will vote for one of the candidates Sunday.

"I'm ready to select a president. I think it's time we got something done on this," Poland said today.

One of the remaining candidates, Baxter, has been controversial during his 10-year tenure at Fresno. The Fresno faculty were polled last September and 77.8 percent of those responding rated Baxter's administration as unacceptable.

When he visited Western's campus last month, Baxter said his problems could be attributed to remittants of Vietnam War protests in the early 1970s and a new collective bargaining law in California.

Baxter, 53, was awarded a doctorate degree from Harvard University in 1954 and he has studied at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, and the University of Zurich, Switzerland.

He is a former professor, dean and acting president of the New York Theological Seminary in New York City and he served as vice president for academic affairs at Little Rock University before joining Fresno in 1969.

The other candidate, Zacharias, graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., in 1957 and received his doctorate from Indiana University in 1963.

He has served as a professor at Indiana University and the University of Texas at Austin. Zacharias was named to his present position in June 1978.

The presidential selection began last fall after Dero Downing announced his resignation for health reasons. He resigned Jan. 8 and Dr. John D. Minton, vice president for administrative affairs, has been serving as interim president.

A presidential search committee reviewed more than 170 applicants and nominees for the position, narrowing that list to 30 in February.

The regents visited the top 14 candidates and four of the top five candidates visited Western's campus for interviews with faculty students and administrators. Alexander withdrew on the day he was scheduled to arrive in Bowling Green.

The dilemma

The state universities of Western Kentucky University and Western Kentucky University are considering the fifth candidate for the job. Ironically, the other candidate was the only one to meet with Alexander.

The committee wanted a second meeting with both candidates, but the decision was made to interview the remaining candidate, who is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Western Kentucky University.

The committee, which consists of five regents voting on the delay, will now discuss the issue of selecting a new president.

By RON MITCHELL

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"I was surprised to learn that the universities of Western Kentucky University had not met with Alexander," Regent Sheffer said.

Later, he added, "I think it's a good idea to meet with Alexander, but I don't think it's necessary to meet with the other candidates."