BLACKSBURG — A five-member committee headed by Wilson B. Bell, faculty chairman for athletics, has been named to find a successor to Frank O. Moseley as Virginia Tech’s athletic director, the University announced this weekend.

Moseley, athletic director at Tech for the past 23 years, announced earlier this week that he would retire, effective July 1, 1974.

In addition to Bell, who also is director of development at Tech, the search committee includes Stuart K. Cassell, vice president for administration, two faculty members, and one student.

They are Richard G. Saacke, professor of dairy science, and Eugene A. Manus, associate professor of electrical engineering, along with George E. Welch, cadet colonel of the University’s Corps of Cadets.

Bell said the committee would take the time and effort necessary to identify top-flight candidates from across the United States for the athletic director’s position.

“Whoever the man we find turns out to be, he will have some big shoes to fill, for Frank Moseley has done an outstanding job over the years,” Bell observed.

Bell said he was pleased Moseley had announced his retirement far enough in advance to assist in the search and in the employment of a new director for Tech’s intercollegiate athletic programs.