

Bennington College  
May 10, 1941

COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, MAY 6th, 1941

The Community Council met in the Committee dining room Tuesday, May 6th. Present were Ann Mills, chairman; Lucille Bloch; Teressa Blumberg; Theodora Boothby; Nancy Cole; Faith Colgan; Muriel Cummings; Nancy Hamill; Eleanor Metcalf; Priscilla Sherman; Lila Larson for Margaret Brush; Edith Stevens; Miss Godsill for Mrs. Garrett; Mr. Chapman; Mr. Truman.

GUESTS AT COLLEGE

Miss Godsill asked the Council what they thought of a student having a guest on campus for a month. There was a student who would like a flat rate for room and board. The Council thought that a week was long enough for any guest on campus because of outside feeling. This problem was referred to Mrs. Garrett.

STUDENT COLLECTORS

Ann Mills read the names of the new student collectors chosen to fill recent vacancies. They were approved as read. (see page 27)

FACULTY ADVISORS

The Council was reminded that their reports on the effectiveness of faculty advisors are due the first of June.

REGISTRATION WEEK

The following points were brought up in connection with the registration week next year.

- 1) It was suggested that the House Chairmen meet the freshmen and hold a house meeting on one of the first evenings of the opening of college and explain to them the standards and rules of Bennington College and answer any questions that might arise. The Standards should be explained in detail and in a very matter of fact manner.
- 2) There should be a Community Meeting in October and that large discussion will probably call forth a restatement of the Standards and rules. It is thought that the freshmen will get more out of a Community Meeting with the whole college because questions and discussion will arise that they had probably not thought of. It was thought that perhaps the history of the standards might be related at this Community Meeting so that the freshmen could see that the standards were made for the students by the students. This could be followed up with house meetings.

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- 3) It was suggested that the freshmen as one group or small groups have a meeting with Mrs. Garrett sometime during the first few weeks because it was felt that the freshmen knew her and would get a good deal out of what she could tell them.
- 4) It was suggested that we have a meeting immediately with the freshmen now and get any suggestions that they may have as to how the student government of Bennington College might better be presented. It was suggested that we ask the freshmen the following questions:
  - a) How they would like an invitation to the Council meeting and if they would think that that experience would be of any help to them in understanding the student government.
  - b) The advantages in having smaller groups to meet the different division faculties in September and whether they would ask more questions if there were smaller groups.
- 5) It was suggested that perhaps a diagram of the way the Council and the Central Committee worked might help to clear up some of the misunderstanding that seems to exist for the older students as well as the freshmen.
- 6) Each freshman should have a copy of the Standards.

These suggestions were to be presented to the E.P.C.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Stevens.