

Bennington College  
March 27, 1941

The Educational Policies Committee met on March 26, at 6:30 P.M. in the Committee Dining Room. Present were Joan Leonard, Cynthia Jenkinson, Hilda Wheelwright, Margaret Klaw, Jean Storg, Ann Mills and Helen Levine.

The minutes of the meeting of March 21 were then read. It was decided that hereafter the secretary would prepare a summary of the minutes of the previous meeting instead of reading the complete record. In this way the Committee would be reminded of the business transacted and some degree of continuity would in this manner be assured.

#### Community Council

Ann Mills reported that the Community Council has sponsored discussions in each house on the subject of general unrest on the campus. In the majority of these discussions, dissatisfaction with the curriculum was reported as one of the important contributing factors. Since these criticisms were of a general nature, the Committee decided to try to get more specific problems through the respective Major sub-committees, and then decide upon a possible course of action.

#### Questionnaire Committee

Cynthia Jenkinson was appointed Student Representative on the Questionnaire Committee.

#### Goddard College

We received an invitation from Goddard College Community Council to attend a conference of representatives from progressive college educational policies committees to discuss the student's part in forming educational policies. A similar conference was held last spring. Margaret Klaw was appointed to try to find out what transpired last year and whether or not it would be worthwhile to send a delegation this year.

#### Winter Period Experiences Meeting

In past years a meeting at which several students told of their winter period experiences was held at about this time. The committee feels that such a meeting would be more valuable were it held next fall about six weeks before winter period. This would not take the place of the usual meetings held with Freshmen but would be supplemental.

Reading Week

The suggestion was presented that the college have a reading week, during which no specific work would be assigned, and during which students could read what material they have liked to but have never had the time. All this materiald would, of course, be read with a counselor's consent. The Committee felt that this would not be a worthwhile project because it would disrupt the entire spring program and the last week of college could well be used for such a program because class assignments are light.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Helen Levine, Secretary