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Minutes of the Meeting of the Literature Faculty

November 24, 1948

Present: Mr. Kunitz, Chairman, Mrs. Foster, Mr. Golffing, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lewis,
Mr. Nemerov.
Absent: Mr. Belitt.

1. The Literature Department feels that its requirements can be met only along these lines:

A. Students working in foreign languages and literatures need three things:

- 1) BASIC COURSE - Language and Literature - in French.
(Class language mixed, papers written in French).. Open to all students with some previous knowledge of French.
- 2) ADVANCED BASIC COURSE - Theory and Techniques of Translation.
(Class language mixed, papers written in French and English).
This course would start in the second semester.
- 3) SPECIAL COURSE - Representative French Writers. This course open to those qualified.

B. This is an outline for what we envisage for German and Spanish likewise.

2. The Literature Division feels that at least one replacement would be needed in the absence of Mr. Burke and Mr. Belitt next year. The Literature Faculty are interested in Scott Buchanan's coming to Bennington and they understand that he too has expressed interest in becoming a member of the staff. It was pointed out that Mr. Buchanan is especially qualified to teach an advanced basic course. The hope was expressed that the college would invite Mr. Buchanan to Bennington soon. At present he is living at Richmond, Massachusetts, near Pittsfield.

Does he really mean this?

Francis C. Golffing
Secretary