

Bennington College
Bennington, Vermont

The Recreation Council met on October 13, 1941

Those present were: Susan Bailey, Annette Kolin, Janet Frey, Kip Humphreys, Patricia Newman, Jean Simpson, Joan Bayne, Rosamund Reed, Nancy Dodge, Thelma Black, Phyllis Carton, Virginia Cordes, Faith Colgan, Audrey Schwenk, Miss Steven, Mr. Whittinghill

Those absent were: Miss Foresman

Entertainment Committee

Dance Contest: Rosamund Reed suggested that a dance contest be held with a charge of \$.10 admission for the benefit of the Community Chest. Prizes would be given.. Audrey Schwenk will investigate the idea from the Community Chest point of view..

Sing October 12, 1941: The Community Sing planned by the Recreation Council will have to be dropped from the schedule because the General Meetings committee under the leadership of Eloise Bishop sponsored a Sing without relation to any other College activity, and poorly planned. The dangers of poor timing and inadequate planning that we hoped to avert were realized by this particular event.

New Exhibit on Carriage Barn Walls: Since the Sing had been dropped the exhibit will be opened without its inaugural benefit. Mr. Smith will give a demonstration in relation to his exhibit on October 15. Miss Steven suggests that the presence of the ping-pong table in the lounge is undesirable during the term of the exhibit. Re-arrangements of the furniture will be made pending the approval of the Council.

Athletic Committee

Trips: Patricia Newman reported that transportation has been arranged for those who wish to attend the Graf Ballet in Williamstown. It was decided that transportation to the movies should be conditioned by the quality of the movie rather than any particular nights. People should sign up only if they have no other means of transportation. Those who do not cancel their reservations by 5 pm will be charged for the round trip whether or not they go. This plan will be considered as an experiment for a few weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

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Additional minutes of Recreation Council meeting of October 13 pertaining to the discussion of the Community committees reorganization.

The gist of the discussion is as follows:

Mr. Whittinghill: The self-perpetuation idea removes the possibility of House representation.. This function can, however, be performed by the Council people or in some other manner yet to be devised.

Faith Colgan: Much of the Community enthusiasm for government will be lost if representation is removed from the House demesne.

Annette Kolin: It is undemocratic to self-perpetuate. It removes the possibility for the wide experience of a large number of people in college organization which is a very important factor in the need for organization at all.

Mr. Whittinghill: Although starting-from- scratch experience is undeniably good it might be better to have it possible for people interested in some organization to carry their interest through several years.

Jean Simpson: Suggested that the Council representative nominate the House representative and have the House choose from this slate.

Miss Steven: Suggested the the representative bring the nominations to the Council which would have the final word of approval.

Annette Kolin: Suggested that it is better policy to decentralize than to centralize government. Let the Houses supplement the representatives nominations or - Have each House submit to the Council a slate of three people, each of which could do one of the main committee jobs well. The Council would then have the pick of the best people on campus for each job. One Council member would be chosen from each House thus preserving the representation. Members of sub-committees could be intelligently chosen from the remaining students on the House slates.

Susan Bailey: Suggested that Council elections be staggered in some way. Possibly the East side would elect one term and the West side the next..

Patricia Newman: summarized a discussion which concluded that by this plan the Council would be made up of experienced people who had been on sub-committees.

Mr. Whittinghill: Suggested an alternative plan. The Council would be composed of only five people instead of twelve. These would be the Chair, Secretary and three committee heads each of whom would have sub-committees which would meet separately.

Respectfully submitted,

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