

Bennington College
September 11, 1940

The Educational Policies Committee met on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30 o'clock in the Committee dining room. Present were Vida Ginsberg, Phoebe Arnold, Antoinette Larrabee, Sylvia Thayer, Elizabeth Plimpton, Mary Berna, Margaret Dudley, and Dr. Alvin Eurich.

Evaluation Study

Dr. Eurich gave a brief history of the evaluation study, explaining how the original intent of the founders of the college was to provide for evaluation of its success from time to time by outside experts. He listed the four primary questions which he and his staff are trying to answer:

1. What are the educational objectives of the students and faculty?
2. What are the major assumptions underlying the Bennington method?
3. What are the values of the counselling system?
4. What evidence exists which shows the success of the Bennington plan of education?

The methods of determining the answers to these and subsidiary questions were then explained, and the remainder of the meeting was devoted to a presentation of some of the specific information which the study has brought out. Since all this material will be available in published form at the end of the study, the secretary was instructed not to include it in the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Dudley, secretary