

Bennington College
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 25th, 1941

The Community Council met in the Committee dining room on Tuesday, February 25th. Present were: Mary Berna, Chairman; Frances Berna for Florence Booker; Dorothy Coffin; Joan Hyatt; Ruth MacCormick; Lydia Schoepperle; Molly Stimson; Nancy Victor; Susan Winter; Theodora Boothby for Jean Davidson; Joan Strong; Mrs. Garrett; Mr. Truman.

Community Meeting: Nominations

Reports will be given by the officers of the various committees at Community Meeting on Wednesday, February 26th. The Chairman told the Council that the reports will be shorter this year and with a more forward-looking slant.

The change in Definition 4 of the College Standards, passed by the Council last October, will not have to be taken through Community Meeting.

Immediately after Community Meeting, house meetings will be held for the purpose of nominating house chairmen and Recreation Council representatives. Nominations per house will be restricted to three for each council, and the lists of nominees must be posted for a week before elections.

The Council was reminded of Mr. Chapman's statement last fall conveying the advice of the Executive Committee: that freshman nominations be scrutinized. Mrs. Garrett suggested that the counselors be consulted in cases of freshman nominations. To simplify the process of approving nominees, Mr. Truman proposed that the names be submitted to the Records Office rather than to the whole Executive Committee. For this purpose the house chairmen will meet with Mrs. Garrett and Mr. Truman after house meetings on Wednesday. Nominees will be judged on the general points of 1) scholastic ability and 2) leadership.

Mrs. Garrett emphasized the advisability of spreading council jobs rather than favoring certain students on the basis of successful offices already held. The policy of nominating a student because the office would be good for her is questionable.

Following the division meetings, the faculty have to discuss and submit nominees for the E. P. C. This committee will be elected a week later than the Council to allow time for the lists to be posted.

Central Committee

The house chairmen were reminded to turn in the reports due to the Central Committee on problems which have arisen in the houses during this Council's term of office, what has been done about them, and whether the chairmen concerned consider them solved or not.

Letters to the College

A letter was received from the Committee on Defense of Mt. Holyoke College. This will be turned over to Mr. Leigh before it is answered.

Bard College has sent a letter on the Ball for War Relief Societies, to be referred to the Recreation Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Strong, secretary