

Minutes of the Central Committee

The Central Committee met on October 14, 1941.

Those present were: Mrs. Garrett, Ann Mills, Margaret Brush, Priscilla Sherman, Teressa Blumberg, and Lucile Bloch.

Re-organization of the Central Committee

This question was discussed with the full Community Council since the Committee is actually a sub-committee of the Council and working in conjunction with it. The Committee as it is now constituted is noted below.

Personnel

- A. The Chairman and Secretary are chosen by the Community Council from its members. The Chairman and Secretary work closely together, exchanging positions at the end of one term.
- B. There is one member from the Personnel Committee.
- C. The Council's faculty members serve in rotation each week.
- D. Two girls from the Council serve in rotation each week.

The Central Committee suggested that no faculty is needed and that it is unnecessary to have two members of the council present each week. By "no faculty" is meant no faculty other than one permanent member and Mrs. Garrett's secretary who works very closely

with the Committee in its detailed accounts of licenses and signing in or out. This would form a committee of four permanent members. House Chairmen or counselors could be called in when needed. The group should be kept small and private since it deals with problems that should not be given outlet to the community.

Function

The Central Committee defines the standards, checks on violations and gives driving tests.

The Committee has no definite plans. It was suggested that perhaps it should merely check on driving violations rather than attending to all the details of testing and licensing. This is actually the college's responsibility. As yet, however, no substitute for the testing of drivers has been found.

The Committee is a link between the office and the students as regards the minor violation of not signing out, etc. Therefore this work must be continued, though some more direct plan of procedure may be found.

The main function of handling student violation of the standards will be continued, of course.

There was some suggestion of turning over a part of the routine work to the Secretary Council or even of working with them on all campus detail. The idea is nebulous and cannot be further clarified at this time.

Marv Isham

Ann Mills said that Mary is unsettled in her work, confused and vague. She seems to lack drive and to have an inferiority complex concerning her ability. Ann will see Mary's counselor, Mrs. Fergusson.

Phyllis Shields

Teressa Blumberg reported that Phyllis had seemed to be impressed with her meeting with the Committee, saying that she realizes her responsibility more fully now. The effects seem to have been good.

Betty Haas

Mrs. Garrett reported on Betty's question about attending ground school at Williamstown. The school is still unorganized. It would be a series of ten lectures costing five dollars. When the plans are more concrete Betty will bring it up again. She will also have notice from Williamstown as to how many girls may join the class.

Mr. Tschorn

Mr. Tschorn was asked why the gates to the student drives were closed at seven o'clock, parking being allowed until ten. He said that in this way the policeman has some control over who goes into the drives, and is better able to direct guests to the switchboard so that they don't arrive unannounced at the houses. It is more effective with the gates up. This will be reported to the Community Council and the community. It is felt that the faculty should be allowed to go down to the houses after eleven o'clock.

Traffic bloc

The policeman says that cars come straight to his booth to sign in, rather than going to the parking lot and walking over. The community will be told to have their guests at night go to the parking lot before they go to the booth.

He says too, that people come into the parking space by the barn or Cricket Hill and slip down to the East side of campus. The community will be reminded to go to the watchman's booth always.

Lounge

The side door to the Lounge is open all night and girls are to be reminded to send their guests there to wait for friends or for rides home again.

Switchboard

There have been reports of incompetency in the switchboard staff. Calls have not been put through

or have been interrupted, and there have been unusually long waits to make connections. The House Chairmen are to report to Lucile Bloch any inefficiency, together with dates and hours, so that this may be corrected.

The switchboard at night will be told where the nurse may be found in case of emergency, and the policeman will receive this information, too.

Light and heat

Mr. Tschorn suggested there be a campaign to save light and heat. Lights should be turned out when girls leave the room. Windows should be shut when radiators are on. Mr. Tschorn will list these things and show ways of general saving.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucile Bloch
Secretary, Central Comm.