

Bennington College
June 7, 1942

The Educational Policies Committee met on June 6, 1942, at 5:00 p.m. in Eleanor Metcalf's room. Present were Eleanor Metcalf, Jean Short, Dorothy Ayers, Muriel Cummings, Polly Kirsten and Anne Franke.

Reporting on Students

On Wednesday, June 10, at 7:35, divisional meetings will be held to discuss with the students the marking system. Each member was given a blank on which the reports are made and these were explained by Eleanor Metcalf. It was brought up that the monthly work sheets are used and although Mrs. Garrett seldom sees one, the faculty look them over carefully. It was also thought that perhaps some sort of a policy might be drawn up by the faculty and E.P.C. in regard to reports, so that the latter would not vary from counselor to counselor.

Registration Week

The E.P.C. will meet with the House Council on Monday, May 8, at 8:00 p.m. at Mrs. Garrett's apartment for the purpose of discussing registration week. Mrs. Garrett hoped that the E.P.C. would have some system formulated by the time the meeting was held, in connection with helping the freshmen. She suggested "free-lancing" around campus but the E.P.C. was emphatically negative on this point believing that something more organized would be better. Several ideas were suggested. Emphasis put on the E.P.C. in the general meetings with freshmen, by the house chairmen and by the counselors was one. Another was scheduled meetings for freshmen with E.P.C. members, taking perhaps two or three freshmen at a time. In this way the girl would become acquainted with the E.P.C. member and feel freer to come back if necessary. Office hours could perhaps follow these meetings. It was also thought that the E.P.C. members might scatter to other houses in different parts of the campus for registration week. It was suggested that personality attacks on faculty would have to be avoided carefully.

For the older students Eleanor Metcalf suggested staggered divisional meetings the first day with faculty and conference periods on the second day.

Drama Division

There was a short discussion on the problems of the Drama Division and it was thought that perhaps many of these arose because of student personal interviews. Polly Kirsten said that too many girls came believing they would be trained for the professional stage and that this should be cleared up.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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