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To: All Members of the Community

From: The Committee for Constitutional Re-Evaluation

Attached you will find a constitutional draft, our proposal for constitutional revision. We hope you will study the draft, in order to understand its purposes and procedures before coming to tomorrow night's Community Meeting.

As you all know, this committee has been working all term at formulating an idea of what a new Bennington College Constitution ought to look like and do. We have, thus, only concerned ourselves with establishing an overall structure for Community Government; we are prepared to recommend to the Community that a new committee be elected next spring, in order to attempt revision of the present by-laws -- the function and role of each of the committees presently comprising Community Government.

It ought to be pointed out that the nature of this proposed Constitution is such that it will be necessary that this document go to the faculty and administration for separate consideration. Any possible vote of acceptance, therefore, at the Community Meeting can only serve as a partial ratification.

Respectfully submitted,

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