

## SEPC MINUTES FOR 10/2/00

At the last meeting, issues regarding faculty concerns were raised.

1. Endowed chairs appointed without full faculty awareness, nor input.
  - a. We debated whether the selection process for endowed chairs should be a community decision, not a decision from a 'select few.'
    - i. There was some concern over the consideration of an endowed chair in the science department being filled by Bruce Webber (Mind-Body Seminar last term).
2. Questions were raised about the vagueness of the Teacher/Practitioner model.
  - a. The guidelines need to be clarified and defined.
    - i. Is there a minimum requirement?
    - ii. What is and is not considered to be an outside publication?
    - iii. Does the teacher/practitioner model apply only to paid faculty?
      - does this mean that an unpaid faculty member is exempt from this model and is free to teach what he/she wants?

This raised further issues of quality of education and a proposal for a screening process to determine whether an individual (esp. on the administrative side) is qualified to teach at Bennington.
3. A proposal was made with the idea that anyone within the Bennington College Community (administrator, faculty, staff, and students) should be allowed to register a complaint against the faculty and/or administration to an objective body and without fear of retaliation.
4. The discussion on SEPC bylaws carried over from the previous week. SEPC wants to establish its role within the college community. This means specifying SEPC's jurisdiction and powers. A suggestion to have a joint APC/SEPC meeting to aid the formation of SEPC bylaws was proposed.

### Other issues:

Rachael Torchia suggested the possibility of a guest social sciences professor to alleviate the problem of social sciences class size and to build up that department.

SEPC will work on a list outlining out all committees within the community, their functions, the names of each individual on these committees and each individual's function.

For some reason, I'm not on the payroll. I want to be.

Quote of the week: "Webber is a wanker." – an anonymous few

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