

SEPC MINUTES 10/9/00

Many issues raised in the previous night's Campus Wide Coffee Hour featuring Liz Coleman were discussed during the SEPC meeting.

1. Endowed Chair Positions

a. There was a carry-over from last week's discussion about Endowed Chairs. Some felt that Liz's answer during the Coffee Hour was a little vague and failed to define what the actual selection process is for Endowed Chairs (though we have a good idea about Endowed Chairs at Harvard).

b. SEPC still maintains that there be a strict screening process and an objective body appointing Endowed Chairs. Such an important position within the Bennington Community must be a community decision, not just an administrative decision.

2. There was continued discussion on the electoral process of Talking Heads. There was a general consensus that all Talking Heads should be elected by the student body.

There was a debate on Academic Vs. Party space. On October 6, CAB sponsored the "Headbanger's Ball" party in the VAPA overlook. There was little effort on CAB's part to notify students with studio space in the overlook that their space would not be accessible that night. SEPC acknowledges the fact that there is a shortage of party space on this campus, but communication between party organizers and effected students is of the utmost importance. This is something that will be brought up with CAB in the near future.

A question was raised as to why the student body and the Board of Trustees do not communicate with each other on a regular basis. SEPC feels that constructive and beneficial action could come out of such meetings. We are working on establishing a closer relationship with the Board.

SEPC is proposing that there be a sub-committee to track the whereabouts of Bill Reichblum. He seems to have vanished from the Bennington Community.

Quote of the week: "Student Council is rewriting their bylaws right now because they lost their only copy" - E. Zarsky

SEPC will now be meeting at 12:30 to 1:30 in Barn 106. There will be no catered food, so eat in the Dining Hall beforehand. There is a boxed lunch reserved for Eunshin.