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A meeting of the College Council was held in the North Dining Room on Tuesday, October 20, at 1:00 p.m. The following members were present: Mr. Brockway, Geraldine Babcock, Mrs. Garrett, Miss Grimwood, Miss Peplau, Marjorie Handwerk, Eleanor Metcalf, Chairman, Phyllis Preston, Edith Stevens; also Mr. Jones; absent: Jeanne Gaudy.

General Meetings

It was suggested by the student Educational Policies Committee that a lecture on housing might be planned sometime. The EPC felt that the lecture was broad enough in subject matter so that other aspects besides the purely architectural one of the housing problem might be brought in.

Library

Mrs. Leslie suggested that the Library might be closed on Saturdays when there were parties going on in the Recreation Barn that would be attended by a large percentage of the student body, and on free weekends. The suggestion was approved by the Council. The Recreation Council will inform Mrs. Leslie.

Recreation Council

Mr. Jones suggested that Miss McCann, a member of the General Entertainment Committee, sit in with the Recreation Council. The function of the GEC is to plan all official entertainment, and Mr. Jones believed that it would be better for both the GEC and the Recreation Council if there was someone who would be the liaison. In this way students, faculty, and guests would be included without any overlapping.

Community Chest Committee

The Community Chest Committee had two points to be discussed:

- 1) Definition of the CCC's policy in regard to war drives.
- 2) Approval of the budget.

1. There has been a great deal of feeling among certain groups in the Community that the CCC should not have the final decision in designating specific war drives for contributions in making up the Spring budget. The CCC proposed that, if a group of people wished to contribute to a certain war drive, those people should organize themselves, and, after receiving permission from the CCC to carry on such a campaign, solicit contributions from the Community directly. The Council felt that the Community would become aggravated by so many requests for money, although the drives would be scheduled by the CCC. However, the members of the CCC felt that so much had been said against the former policy of having war drives controlled by that committee, that they had felt it necessary to change from a role of active participation to that of regulating the mechanisms for the drives such as setting a definite time for the collection of money. Several members of the Council expressed the doubt that the opinion of the College as a whole was represented, but the CCC said that, if it wasn't, the voice of

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the minority was very strong, and there seemed to be enough opposition to the policy as it stood to warrant a change. There was some doubt also that enough money would be raised in this manner, and that there would not be a true representation of all war charities, but the Council felt that that problem would be the responsibility of the Community.

The members of the College Council approved the change, although expressing the opinion that the Community would tire of being approached for money, and that the policy would have to be changed again.

2. The Student Treasurer, Elizabeth Herriott, read the budget for the year. Dorethy Ayers, representing the Silo, asked that money for Literature teas be appropriated from some part of the student committee budget. After some discussion, it was suggested that the money be taken from that allocated to the Recreation Council and diverted to the Silo Board to meet entertainment expenses. The Council approved this suggestion, as the amount asked for was quite small.

Foreign Student Fund

The Community Chest Committee presented the suggestion, that, as there was no foreign student at present, the money be raised in two years instead of one. This would relieve the Community Chest Committee of a great deal of pressure, as their budget is unusually heavy this year.

The members of the Council approved of the suggestion. It was also recommended that a foreign student be found for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

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College Council