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COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING, MARCH 9th, 1941

The Community Council met in the living room of McCullough House on Monday, March 9th. Present were: Mary Berna, Chairman; Lydia Schoepperle; Susan Winter; Joan Hyatt; Theodora Boothby for Jean Davidson; Carol Haines; Frances Berna for Florence Booker; Molly Stimson; Nancy Victor; Ruth MacCormick; Dorothy Coffin; Joan Strong; Mrs. Garrett and Mr. Truman.

Qualifications for House Chairmen

In connection with an evaluation of the election, Mr. Truman asked the Council what points had come up in the discussions of house chairman nominees. Outstanding qualifications considered by the houses were:-

- 1) ability to take initiative,
- 2) ability to represent the house, ascertain problems and voice her opinions as a member of the Council,
- 3) ability to lead a meeting,
- 4) whether the nominee had time for the job,
- 5) maturity and stability, both in academic work and in handling of personal problems,
- 6) a good reputation in other offices held,
- 7) approachability, for example as a helper to freshmen at the beginning of the year,
- 8) interest in the college.

The capability of the nominee in the house chairman's role was in general emphasized. Her value as a member of the Council was, in a large number of cases, discussed only when brought up by the present house chairmen.

Whether the office seemed good for the nominee was not an important feature in the discussions.

Qualifications for Recreation Council Representatives

In the discussions of Recreation Council nominees salient points were:-

- 1) good ideas,
- 2) sociability and sportsmanship
- 3) enthusiasm, (this was a positive consideration of freshmen)

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- 4) ability to carry through a project,
- 5) ability to get on with people all over campus as well as with those in the house,
- 6) willingness to work.

Additional comments which may turn up are to be put in Mr. Truman's box.

Student Treasurer

The nomination of Audrey Schwenk as Student Treasurer for the coming year was passed by the Council.

Qualifications for Central Committee Members and Chairman of the Council

It was mentioned that the chairman of the Council should be a person well liked by the group and with ability to centralize and lead discussions and activities of the Council.

The chairman of the Central Committee should have ability to understand individuals and to use discrimination in the details of her office.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Strong, secretary