

sub-committee and committee were unfortunately both used to cover the same meaning in this plan.

Bennington College
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Special meeting to discuss the reorganization of the Recreation Council in relation to the Community committees readjustment program.

The meeting was held on October 16, 1941

Those present were: Susan Bailey, Annette Kolin, Janet Frey, Phyllis Carton, Mr. Whittinghill.

The plans suggested in the regular Council meeting on October 13 were discussed and reformed in broad outlines as follows;

Council shall consist of five people.

- 1 Chairman
- 1 Secretary
- 1 Head of Athletic committee
- 1 Head of Entertainment committee
- 1 Head of Dance committee

Each of the Heads will have a sub-committee with which to work.

Sub-committees

Number

The number of people needed by each committee for the best efficiency has not yet been determined. At any rate, the arrangement will make possible, within defined limits, fluctuation in relation to unforeseen needs. Fairly large number is suggested to avoid losing out in changing college group.

Election

House nomination: In March, (when the freshmen have become known) each House will make up a group of names of people considered well-equipped to work on a particular committee. For instance, a House may have two people who would work well on the Dance committee and one for the Athletic committee but none for the Entertainment committee. Another House might have several good people for the last-named.

Nominations go to the Council: The Council will apportion the Community's nominations for new sub-committee members to the existing committees. That is, the Dance committee will get a list of all those nominated from the Houses for positions on the Dance succeeding Dance committee. The existing committee will choose the new committee from this list.

House representation: At least one member will be chosen from each House.

Term: After selecting the new committee the old one will go out of office. The new committee elected in March will work with the Heads inherited from the old committee. It will, however, have new Heads in its second term. This affords continuity of experienced people always in office on committees.

Recreation Council reorganization plan continued.

September election of new Council Heads.

Chairman and Secretary

These will be chosen in a meeting of the Council with all the committees, from the existing group of people, each of whom will have had one term of experience. These two will then serve in executive capacity for one year making their entire term $1\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Heads of the Dance, Athletic and Entertainment committees

Each committee will choose from its number the new Head. The term will be identical with that of the new Chairman and Secretary.

Term of the new Council

This new Council of experienced people will work until Spring with the group with which they came in. In March the new sub-committee elections will again be held, and then the Council will have new committees with which to work.

Vacancies

Each September the five vacancies the Council makes in its number by electing new officers and putting out the old will be filled in one of several ways:

1. from new lists
2. from the previous term's lists
3. some other way not yet devised.

This way it may be possible, for some person filling a vacancy in September to be elected the next September for executive office, thereby serving a total term of two years.

Either the matter can be left flexible stating that only for unusual reasons should a vacancy-filler be elected to office the following September, or the new-comer would enter with the understanding that he would never have a chance to be elected to office, and would always stagger with the election of the regular committees.

House meetings announcements

Since there will be a representative from each House on at least one of the committees, the Heads' reports to their committees can get back to the Houses. For instance, the Council might meet on Monday, the heads might meet with their committees on Tuesdays. Reports from Monday meetings would be relayed in all of the three meetings and could then be brought to the Houses on Wednesday.

Faculty representation

Obviously the present number of three faculty members will be superfluous with a student group of five executives. Each committee can have a faculty member who will go only to those meetings. The Council will have one faculty member whose term is yet to be decided upon.

Breaching the gap this year

That will be planned in accord with other student committee changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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