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Organization of the Bennington College Community

- I        The Community shall consist of the student body, faculty and staff.  
Also, people who live in the student houses will be regular members of the house group and Community.
  
- II       The organization of the houses shall consist of a chairman, and a House Council, if the House so decides, to be elected in the Houses.
  
- III      The Student Council, consisting of the chairman of each House, together with four members of the faculty Committee on Student Personnel, shall constitute the Community Council which shall exercise the ordinary legislative, executive and judicial functions of the Community government. It is empowered to make decisions, rules and to define standards in all matters concerning the welfare of the Community. All rules and definitions of standards made by it, after being posted on the College bulletin boards, are binding on all members of the Community until they are revoked or amended by the Council or by the Community acting under the following procedure: any twenty members of the Community who desire to revoke or amend a rule may present a signed petition stating their proposal in writing to the Council. If the Council does not accept this proposal it must call a Community meeting which will act upon the proposal of the petitioners, and the Community decision is controlling.
  
- IV       If the Community Council, after the Community meeting, disagrees with the Community decision it shall resign and new elections will be held in the Houses. The Community may at the same or any other meeting request the Houses to vote on the election of the Council members.

- V            Committees for the carrying on of any special functions may be created by the Community Council or by the House organization, when matters relate to a single House.
- VI           The Houses may elect their Chairmen, who serve as members of the Council for a College year, a semester, or for a shorter period, and any House may replace its Chairman at any time by a vote of lack of confidence.
- VII          Changes in these by-laws for the Organization of the College Community can be made by majority vote at a Community meeting, provided the proposed change is posted on the College bulletin boards at least one day in advance of the Community meeting.

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