

Bennington College
November 13, 1941

The Educational Policies Committee met on Wednesday, November 12, 1941, at 6:30 p.m. in the Committee Dining-Room. Present were Helen Levine, Joan Strong, Cynthia Jenkinson, Hilda Wheelwright, Ann Mills, and Nika Pleshkoff. Margaret Klaw was absent.

Proposed Series of Meetings for Spring Term

Rickie Thayer went over the outline of the series on "The Individual in Contemporary Culture." This outline was made up by Mr. McCamy. It will be discussed by the Faculty E. P. C., after which Mr. McCamy will go to New York in order to get two lecturers, preferably Ralph Linton and (Caroline) Horney. There would be two lectures a week, on Tuesday and Thursday with the seminar on Wednesday.

The E. P. C. approved of the topic, but had a few suggestions to make about the timing of the lectures. It was thought that it would make more sense to have the seminar on Thursday rather than between the lectures. A suggestion was made that only written questions be submitted during question period. The intermission could be lengthened to 10 or 15 minutes to care of this. The lecturers will be asked to ~~light~~ ^{write} out their lectures ahead of time, so that they will take them more seriously and insure the students of a worthwhile lecture. The lectures will take place before the third week in March. It was also suggested that there be a week's breathing spell between the two lectures. Reading material should be suggested even before Winter Period, also Social Studies should make one class pertinent to the lectures that are coming. It would also be nice if the lecturers could be available to the students.

Revision of Community Government

It was decided in Community Council that there was no point in having a Community Meeting to discuss the revision, as the students seemed to approve when the new plan was submitted to them in House Meetings. After Thanksgiving an amendment will be proposed to revoke the present government and approve of the new plan. The E. P. C. set-up will remain as it is until the new curriculum changes are more definite.

Suggestions for Next E. P. C. Survey of Classes

It should be explained more clearly to Freshmen perhaps in house meetings just what the survey is all about.

The number of survey sheets could be cut down by about a quarter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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