

THERE WILL BE AN OPEN-MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL TONIGHT, MONDAY, AT 7:30 IN COMMONS LOUNGE TO DISCUSS, IN PARTICULAR, THE POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE AMENDMENT PROCEDURE OF THE BENNINGTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CONSTITUTION AS WELL AS OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY. EVERYBODY IS WELCOME. COME WITH COSTITUITION IN THE STUDENT HANDBOOK AND VOICE YOUR VIEWS.

In the present Constitution there is no provision for amending either Article IV (Administration) or Article V (Community Government). Community Council has been working on a new article to include all the amending procedures for the Constitution. (See below) Legislative Council and the Faculty both raised questions about the sections involving student amending procedures. Some of the possible alternatives to the presently proposed Amendment of Amending Procedure are listed below;

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Recommendations A and B below consolidate in one article references to the amending process. Where substantive changes are recommended, the wording of the current Constitution is included in parentheses, following the underlined recommended change.

Amendment of the Amending Procedure of the Bennington College Community Constitution

- A. That Article VI - Ratification of the Constitution become Article VII.
- B. That Article II, Section 10 and Article III, Section 5 of the Constitution be rescinded.
6. That a new Article VI entitled "Amendment" be inserted, reading:
 1. Amendment of Articles I and II of this Constitution may be prosnoed by a majority of the Legislative Council, by a majority in each of ~~the~~ three houses (by three house meetings) or by a petition of one-fourth of the members of the student constituency. An amendment shall be adopted when approved by a majority of the Legislative Council (by a majority of those voting and by a majority of the student houses.
 2. Amendment of Article III may be proposed by any committee of the Faculty, by majority vote of an acadmic division (by vote of one of the seven acadmic divisions) or by petition of one-fourth of the voting members of the Faculty. An amendment shall be adopted when approved by a majority of those voting in Faculty meeting.
 3. Amendment of Articles V and VI may be proposed by one quarter of the student body, the Legislative Council, the Faculty Meeting, or the members of the Administration, and shall be adopted when approved by a majority of the students, a majority of the Faculty and a majority of the Administration. (This section is entirely new, providing a mechanism for amending the article on community government and the amendment process itself.)
- D. That this amendment of the amending procedure be considered adopted when the conditions of the new Article VI, Section 3 are met.

Some suggested alternatives for the adopting procedure by the students in Article C-1 and Article C-3 are:

- 1) majority of houses and majority of Leg.
- 2) majority of students
- 3) majority of those studnets voting
- 4) two-thirds of those students voting
- 5) majority of Leg.
- 6) majority of the houses

