

Pennington College
October 30, 1940

The Educational Policies Committee met on Wednesday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the committee dining room. Present were Vida Ginsberg, Phoebe Arnold, Antoinette Larrabee, Sylvia Thayer, Elizabeth Plimpton, Mary Berna, and Margaret Dudley.

Survey of Courses

The Questionnaire Committee handed out copies of the proposed forms for this year and requested that suggestions for changes be made by noon of the following day. The secretary was asked to make out agenda for the meetings of the Majors at which the questionnaires are to be distributed. This agenda is to include points of information supplied by the Committee members about how the sheets are to be filled out for particular courses.

Orientation Program

The attendance at the last Freshman meeting with Mr. Leigh was poor, and he requested the Community Council and EPC to stress the importance of these meetings in house meetings. Mary Berna reported that the Council does not feel that these meetings should be termed "compulsory", but that students should be told that they are "expected to attend". The EPC agreed to adopt this more subtle term.

Procedures

The secretary read a communication from Mr. Leigh in which he suggested the adoption of two procedures, as follows:

1. The EPC shall meet with the President early in December each year to report orally and confidentially the opinions of the students regarding the teaching and counseling ability of the new members of the faculty. The Committee members may also volunteer opinions about members of the faculty who are not new members. At the invitation of the President, the Committee shall also meet late in the spring of the year to give similar student opinions regarding faculty appointed at the beginning of the second semester.

2. The EPC shall meet with the outgoing student Editorial Board in February for suggestions and approval of names for new members of the Board.

The secretary then suggested a third addition to the procedures:

3. The EPC shall invite the President to attend the first meeting each term of office, and shall invite him to subsequent meetings whenever the Committee has a matter of importance before it, or whenever the President shall signify that he wishes to bring any business before the Committee.

These three additions were approved, and the secretary was instructed to see that they are included in copies of the EPC procedures which will be sent to the faculty chairmen of the Majors before the next EPC elections.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Dudley, sec'y.