

Bennington College
May 29, 1942

The faculty and student Educational Policies Committees met on April 16, 1942 with Mr. Jones in his office. Anne Franke was absent.

Survey of Classes

The students explained the revised method of handling the survey of classes. The advantages of the "shop committee" within the class as a means of making available information as to the progress of the class were discussed. Points suggested were that this method would supply information at a time when it could be constructively utilized; it would avoid the problems of an overly standardized questionnaire; would invite positive rather than negative criticism from the students; and would establish better working relationships between the students and the faculty. The faculty E.P.C. questioned the administrative feasibility of the plan, but decided to support it, advising that brief reports for Mr. Jones be made at the end of the term upon each class.

Senior Plans

The question of the senior plan and the basis upon which students are admitted to senior division was introduced by Eleanor Metcalf. Mrs. Garrett explained that a student's work was considered both within and without her major in deciding upon her qualifications for senior division, and that this year particular attention would continue to be paid to her work within her major. It was decided that the senior plans should avoid the mere cataloging of courses, and that emphasis should be placed upon a self-evaluation of the student's first two years at Bennington, and from this evaluation, the projection of lines of direction for her guidance during her years in Senior Division. The student E.P.C. volunteered to hold meetings with the students in order to explain the basis of admission to senior division, and the purposed of the senior plan. The suggestion was accepted by the group present.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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(information from Eleanor Metcalf)