

PLEASE READ THIS OVER BEFORE THE MEETING

Bennington College  
November 5, 1941

Agenda for House Meetings, Wednesday, November 5, 1941

- A. Restatement of problems that exist in the present community organizations
  - 1. Functions: Policy has been subordinated to details which could have been handled by sub-committees.
  - 2. Coordination:
    - a. over-lapping activities
    - b. lack of balanced program planning
    - c. poor intercommunication
  - 3. Lack of centralization and responsibility.
  - 4. Need of greater continuity.
  - 5. Not enough interplay between students and governing bodies.
- B. Presentation of suggested plan for reorganization (diagram).
- C. Presentation of proposed functions of the College Council
  - 1. Balancing of college activities; type of activity and type of content.
  - 2. Handling current problems relative to the whole community. Ex. the problem of general defense.
  - 3. Public relations in this vicinity. Ex. relations with Bennington and North Bennington.
  - 4. Alumnae question.
  - 5. Evaluation of college enterprises, both within the college and inter-collegiate activities. Ex. Hockey play day.
  - 6. Registration week.
  - 7. Definition and interpretation of standards.
  - 8. Faculty-student relations.

D. Explanatory notes

1. Elasticity would be the outstanding characteristic of this body. It would meet with other committees or call in other individuals or committees to meet with it when the occasion arose.
2. Student treasurer: ex-officio Recreation Council, directly responsible to the College Council and Miss Jones.

- E. It is suggested that the house chairman leave out any unnecessary details so that the members of the house will have a clear conception of the proposed plan as a whole and not be confused with unimportant details that can be worked out later.
- F. Try to get suggestions from your house on any questions raised. Perhaps they will have suggestions for some of the questions already brought up. In other words get the house to participate in a discussion of the plan rather than telling them what has already been discussed.
- G. Keep close account of what questions were asked and what suggestions were made so that the Council will know what the community feels on this proposed plan.