

G A L L E Y

March 30, 1960

The scanty attendance at Monday evening's Community Meeting may be rationalized. The majority of the Community was perhaps persuaded that the Community Council's proposal, after ample or excessive discussion, would be adopted and a slate of nominees for the New Constitutional Drafting Committee subsequently prepared.

It became clear, however, as the meeting progressed that those who had anticipated such a meeting based their optimism on certain untenable assumptions.

Because the select group at the meeting did not simply adopt the Council's proposals, I would like to state as clearly as I can for all concerned - I hope we are all concerned - how the business of creating a drafting committee will proceed.

The following motion was carried:

All nominations for the new committee, ultimately composed of five students and three faculty and/or administration members, will take the form of petitions presented to the Executive Committee through Friday, April 1st.

Between Friday and Wednesday, April 6th the Executive Committee will, with the consent and assistance of the nominees, issue one or more Galleys clarifying the candidates views on the alternative concepts of constitutionalism that might guide the deliberations of the new committee.

Depending on the number of candidates, the Community will be asked to choose between them in a primary or preferential election. The results of the final preferential ballot will bind the Executive Chairman in her appointment of the committee.

The newly created committee, on which the Executive Chairman will serve as an ex-officio member, will be advised to hold open hearings for the purpose of soliciting the opinions of the constituent bodies of the Community before its final proposals are formulated.

The committee is also expected to present its final draft of a new constitution to a Community Meeting for final consideration before it is submitted to a general referendum this term.

Those wishing to enter petitions - they must be signed by no less than ten members of the Community - should submit them to me no later than Friday evening.

Nancy L. Machler,
Executive Chairman