Minutes of the Committee on the 1944 Work-Study Project for Morrisville

January 31, 1944

The second meeting of the Committee on the 1944 Work-Study Project for Morrisville was called to order by the Chairman at 10:15 A.M., Monday, January 31, 1944.

Mrs. Robinton was absent and excused.

The minutes of the meeting of January 17, 1944 were read and accepted with corrections, to wit: that the name of Ellsworth Missall should appear among the membership list, and that it be noted that the present membership list is incomplete pending the addition of the names of three student representatives.

The Chairman reported that the members of the Committee and a half dozen students had participated in the work of preparing, mimeographing, and mailing the invitations and enclosures sent to the students and parents for the meeting to be held on February 2, 1944.

The Chairman announced that Dr. Galbreath and Dean Haroney had notified him that they would be present at the student-parents meeting. Professor Benedict also reported that he had talked to Miss Stapleton and had addressed the junior councillors, telling the students about the Project and inviting them to the meeting of February 2nd.

After some discussion of the bearing of the February 2nd meeting upon the future plans for the 1944 Project, it was agreed that the response to this meeting and the number of students who volunteer to return this summer are not decisive indices of the wisdom of going ahead.

Staff problems were generally discussed.

It was considered wise to keep the faculty informed of what is being done so long as the releases are concise and timed to reach the staff at periods when their attention is not taken up by other matters.

In the preparation of the work to be done, a series of major divisions were outlined and it was suggested that students be drawn into each of those areas for purposes of observation, study, and report upon the policies and practices to be followed in Morrisville in 1944. Tentatively the work was divided into the following categories:

1. Dormitory regulations - Miss Mohl and Mrs. Robinton
2. Field regulations - Mr. Booth
3. Curriculum - Professor Benedict
4. Assemblies - Professor Fleisher
5. Recreation - Mr. Missall
6. Cafeteria - Mr. Booth and Professor Fleisher

It was understood that the work of developing a teaching staff would be handled by the faculty members of the Committee.

The Chairman also called our attention to the Conference on Work Camps to be held at the International House on Saturday, February 12th and emphasized the wisdom of sending representatives from both the faculty committee and students. Several members of the Committee agreed to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
E. Missall, Secretary
March 3, 1944

The third meeting of the Committee on the 1944 Work Study Project for Morrisville was called to order by the Chairman at 2:00 o'clock, Friday, March 3, 1944.

Miss Mohl was absent and excused.

Miss Vivian Segerman and Miss Ethel Iskowitz were present as student representatives.

It was announced that the 1943 group were planning to hold another social meeting. The date tentatively set was March 17, 1944.

The Chairman reported that he had accompanied a group of students to the Agricultural Institute, Farmingdale, Long Island, where the students were given an opportunity to learn first-hand something about its direction of student life and particularly the management of dormitories.

The Chairman also announced that through the good offices of Miss Stapleton a meeting of freshmen interested in the Morrisville project has been arranged for 12 o'clock, Friday, March 17th in room 2510 Ingersoll. The Chairman plans to be present at that meeting to discuss the opportunities of the Morrisville program.

Miss Ethel Iskowitz reported the findings of her canvas of prospective 1944 recruits regarding curriculum preferences. Of some twenty-five students questioned, she discovered the following:

- 5 wanted an advanced economics course related to agricultural economics
- 5 wanted History 10
- 5 wanted Speech 8

Several had requested, (1) and advanced English literature course, (2) Sociology 5 and 15, (3) and biology 2 given as farm biology.

The Chairman reported that the Physical Education program involving credit for field work, etc. appears now as though it can be worked out.

Mr. Joseph Smith of the Women's Hygiene Department is scheduled to become a member of the Morrisville staff.

The Chairman also announced that his Report on the Project should be back from the printers within two weeks.

Mr. Barnard reported that he had been talking with a friend at Bethany College and had received some useful suggestions for the operation of the cafeteria, and the preparation of menus.

There was some discussion of the administrative wisdom of a daily alternation of cafeteria squads.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Missall

Mr. Missall left the meeting at 2:55. Miss Vivian Segerman acted as secretary in his stead.

E.M.