

FIVE COLLEGES LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FIELD HOUSE, SMITH COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 14, 1991

Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m, Bill Gibson presiding. A large attendance (over 50 members) attending in spite of a winter storm.

Council members were introduced, and upcoming election procedures were explained. It was moved and seconded to amend By-Laws by adding an Election Committee of five members, whose duties are:

Oversee the annual spring election of Council members; solicit nominations from seminars in both fall and spring; assemble a slate of candidates; distribute and collect ballots; count votes and announces results.

Motion passed unanimously.

Gibson announced the withdrawal of one seminar, with consequent freeing of space and time: Mondays 10-12 at the Field House. It has been proposed to try a series of free discussions during this available slot, possible subjects being the War, the Islamic world, or current events generally. Gibson will be present at the first such meeting, as convener, on February 25.

Gibson reported briefly on a recent discussion of the Council about our present character and future direction, with special reference to the question of whether our membership is too heavily academic in background. Response from the membership was reassuring, and no complaints along these lines were expressed.

The meeting was then turned over to Marjorie Kaufman for the Curriculum Committee; she introduced moderators and the members convened in small groups with the several moderators for informal discussion.

The Special Events Committee provided coffee, cookies, punch, and assorted goodies. Proceedings concluded about noon.

Bill Gibson and William Lieson