Finding Aid for the Academic Senate Records, 1959-2003



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Descriptive Summary

Title: Academic Senate Records

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Abstract: The Academic Senate Finding aids provide information

about the administrative control, such as the location, the "chain of custody," and an outline of the collection; which also may include intellectual control, such as the general

contents and detailed information of an individual

collection. Information contained in a finding aid usually involves an introduction which gives the administrative control and restrictions, if any. The historical sketch gives

the historical overview of the person or agency the

collection is from. Scope and Content gives the strengths and weaknesses of the collection, the arrangement and types of material contained in the collection. Series description contains the list and descriptions (such as type

of material and dates) of the each series found within the

collection. A list of key words or index terms is usually given to highlight important names, places, events etc... mentioned in the collection. Finally the finding aid is composed of a container list which lists each box, folder, and material contained in them for the researcher to locate material effectively. This collection contains materials from 1959-2003; however some committee reports are

dated before this time.

Administrative Information

Provenance: Youngstown State University Academic Senate

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Historical Sketch

The Academic Senate is made up of faculty, and some students and members of the administration. The focus of the senate is first to improve academic learning, for example some of the Ad Hoc Committees as well as the Honors and Curriculum Committee. Secondly it is to express concerns of the faculty and students with committees such as the Faculty Affairs Committee and Student Academic Grievance Committee. It is responsible for

...the recognized role of the faculty concerning academic functions and activities of the University; to provide an orderly manner, including the establishment of Bylaws, through which the faculty may assume its role; to provide for the expression of opinions from others in the University community who are also interested in the academic functions and activities of the University; and, to provide the faculty with the means to conduct such studies as may become necessary to the expression of a responsible opinion.¹

The records of the senate begin in 1959; however some of the committee's documents were formed before the senate's founding, going back further than the actual Senate records, such as the Library Committee which had reports are early as 1937. Recent Academic Senate Minutes and Agendas, dating from 2000 to present, may also be viewed through the Academic Senate website at: http://www.ysu.edu/acad-senate/index.html

Scope and Content Note

The materials in this record group were created by the Youngstown State University Academic Senate and its committees. The materials came into the Youngstown State University Archives and Special Collections in two different accessions. The first accession, covering 1959-1998, came from the Circulation department of the library. The second accession, encompassing the years 1966-1998, were transferred from Dr. Nathan Ritchey, Provost's Office, and Dr. Sunil Ahuja, Political Science. The second accession was stored on the third floor of Tod Hall, before being transferred to Archives. A majority of the materials are from the late 1960s to the mid 1980s; the materials are sparse in the late 1990s to the present, possibly due to the fact that they were made available exclusively online.

The materials are in original order, dated chronologically. Series I is the Academic Senate Minutes dating from 1959-2000. Much of the Senate Minutes are complete; however the Committee Minutes 1937-2003 (Series II) are more sporadic, with some dates missing and gaps existing between dates. Some committees started off as one committee but branched off into two for example, the Standards and Events, Honors and

¹ "Academic Senate Charter." Online Posting. Academic Senate Youngstown State University Academic Senate. Retrieved 3 Apr. 2007 http://www.ysu.edu/acad-senate/charter.htm

Individual Curriculum Program, and Program and Curriculum Committees. Standards and Events are filed together, Honors and ICP are together until ICP branched off, and Program and Curriculum are together until the Curriculum Division branched off. Series III involves correspondence in the Academic Senate, with much of the material from the 1970s and 1980s. Series IV contains the various lists of Academic Senate Members and Committee Appointments throughout the years, some undated. Series V is the Subject File which contains various reports, tally sheets, papers, Ohio Board of Regents papers and pending information, 1970-1991. The last of the series, Series VI, contains audio cassette tapes of various Senate Meetings 1974-1983.

Series Description

Series I: Academic Senate Minutes

Series II: Academic Senate Committee Minutes

Series III: Correspondence

Series IV: Membership and Appointments

Series V: Subject Files

Series VI: Audio

Related Materials

None

Index Terms

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