

Department of Chemistry fonds

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Fonds Description

Department of Chemistry fonds. – 1931-1957

3.3 m of textual records.

3 photographs.

Administrative History

The history of the Department of Chemistry at the University of British Columbia can be traced back to 1914 when President F.F. Wesbrook recruited Douglas McIntosh from McGill University to become the first professor of chemistry and one of the first four appointees to the UBC faculty. Ebenezer H. Archibald became the second member of the department in 1915, and the following year, Robert H. Clark was appointed. McIntosh served as department head until 1920 when he left the University to accept a position in industry. Archibald assumed the position until 1927 when he resigned because of illness and was succeeded by Robert Clark who continued in this capacity for over twenty years, before retiring in 1948. The late 1940s represented a trying period because resignation, retirement and death reduced the number of professors in the department to three. In 1949, Sperrin Chant (Dean of Arts and Science and head of the Dept. of Psychology) became acting head of the department until replaced later in the year by Gilbert Hooley. In 1964, the Department of Chemistry moved to the newly created Faculty of Science following the split of the Faculty of Arts and Science.

Scope and Content

The fonds includes the following series: departmental meeting minutes (1949-1957); correspondence (1945-1956); course-related material (1948-1957), examinations (1931-1957); general office files (1943-1956); President's Committee on Research (1947-1955); article reprints (n.d., 1958-1981), and photographs (1949)..

Notes

Fonds consists of institutional records – access requests must be reviewed by the University's FOIPOP Coordinator.

File list available.

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Some restrictions apply.

Series Descriptions

Departmental Minutes. - 1949-1957.

4 cm of textual records.

The series consists of minutes of departmental meetings.

Correspondence. - 1945-1955.

9 cm of textual records.

The series consists of incoming and some copies of outgoing correspondence which are arranged chronologically.

Course-Related Material. - 1948-957.

7 cm of textual records.

The series consists of correspondence, reports, printed material, course outlines and labs.

Examinations. - 1931-1956.

15 cm of textual records.

The series consists of copies of examinations given in Chemistry and also some information about student grades.

General Office Files. - 1943-1956.

36 cm of textual records.

The series consists of correspondence, reports, and printed material arranged alphabetically by subject.

President's Committee on Research. - 1947-1955.

4 cm of textual records.

The series consists of minutes, correspondence, reports and applications.

Article Reprints. - n.d., 1958-1981.

2.58 m of textual records.

The series consists of two sub-series. The first includes undated copies of article reprints arranged alphabetically by author. The second includes bound volumes of departmental reprints from 1958 to 1981.

Photographs. - 1949.

2 photographs.

The series consists of two photographs showing the Dept. of Chemistry staff in 1949.

Photographs have been placed in the UBC Historical Photograph Collection (UBC 1.1).

File List

BOX 1

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS - MINUTES

1-1/6 1949/50 - 1956/57

DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

1-7/9 1945-1950

1-10 "Equipment and Supplies" (1946-1955)

BOX 2

COURSE-RELATED RECORDS

2-1 Undergraduate courses - General (1952-1955)

2-2 Chemistry 150 (1948)

2-3 Chemistry 225 (n.d.)

2-4 Chemistry 250 (1948)

2-5 Chemistry 350 (1949/50)

2-6 Chemistry 351 (1950)

2-7 Chemistry 425 (n.d.)

2-8 Chemistry 451 (1950)

2-9 Chemistry 452 (1948)

2-10 Chemistry 458 (n.d.)

2-11 Chemistry 550 (n.d.)

2-12 Chemistry 551 (1950)

2-13 Education 565 - Chemistry (1957)

2-14 Chemistry courses - Misc. (n.d.)

EXAMINATIONS

2-15/16 Chemistry 100 (1931-1953)

2-17 Chemistry 150 (1949-1951, 1957)

2-18 Chemistry 411 (1955/56)

- 2-19 Comprehensives (1932-1937)
- 2-20 Examinations from other universities (n.d.)

BOX 3

GENERAL OFFICE FILES

- 3-1/3 Accidents (1947-1956)
- 3-4/9 Accommodation (1945-1956)
- 3-10 Biochemistry (1947-1949)
- 3-11/12 Chemical Engineering (1948-1952)
- 3-13 Chemical Institute of Canada (1955/56)
- 3-14 Consultations (1954)
- 3-15 Donations (1954)
- 3-16 Lecturing Loads (1953-1956)
- 3-17 Machinists (1950-1955)
- 3-18 Oceanography (1949-1955)
- 3-19 Open House (1952)
- 3-20 Outside UBC (1948-1955)
- 3-21 Publicity (1943-1953)
- 3-22 Publicity on Campus (1953-1956)
- 3-23/24 Supplies and Equipment (1951-1955)
- 3-25 Storekeeper and Assistants (1948-1956)
- 3-26 Staff Research (1948-1954)
- 3-27/29 Timetable and Registration (1948-1957)
- 3-30 Visiting Lecturers (1949-1956)
- 3-31 War correspondence - Dr. R.H. Clark with former students (1943/44)

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH

- 3-32 1947-1950
- 3-33 1950-1951
- 3-34 1951-1952
- 3-35 1952-1953
- 3-36 1953-1954
- 3-37 1954-1955

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ARTICLE REPRINTS

- 4-1 Bryce, W.A.
- 4-2 Daggett, Harry M.
- 4-3 Dunnell, B.A.
- 4-4 Dutton, G.G.S.
- 4-5 Halpern, J.
- 4-6 Hayward, L.D.
- 4-7 Hooley, J.G.
- 4-8 Reid, C.
- 4-9 Riley, J.P.
- 4-10 Rosenthal, A.
- 4-11 Starke, K.
- 4-12 Stewart, Ron
- 4-13 Wiles, D.R.

BOUND REPRINTS ARRANGED CHRONOLOGICALLY

- Box 5 1958-1967
- Box 6 1967-1970
- Box 7 1970-1972
- Box 8 1972-1974
- Box 9 1974-1976
- Box 10 1976-1979
- Box 11 1978-1981

PHOTOGRAPHS

Removed and stored at 1.1/11280

Chemistry Dept. staff - 1949 - Two views.