Faculty fonds

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Fonds Description

Faculty fonds. – 1915-1993. 8 cm of textual records.

Administrative History

President Wesbrook convened the first meeting of the University of British Columbia teaching staff in his office in September 1915. Wesbrook indicated that while a general meeting of the Faculty might be called on occasion, administrative efficiency demanded a smaller body. He proposed the Faculty's formation, consisting of the Deans and Department Heads (or acting heads). Management would be assumed by several committees whose work would be reported to and passed by the Faculty. The initial committees included Library, Graduate Work, Courses and Calendars, Students' Standing and Administration, Military Education, Student Affairs and Academic Costume. This body operated until 1921, when the unitary system inaugurated by Wesbrook was discontinued, and each Faculty assumed management of its affairs.

Custodial History

The records were stored under the old stadium's roof during World War II and discovered in 1968 during the building's demolition.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of the bound minutes of meetings of the Faculty held between 1915 and 1921. An oversize bound visitor registry (1959-1993) was acquired in 2020 and can be found in box 2.