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Overview of the Collection

Title: Philosophy Department records

Dates: 1968-1986

Creator: University of San Diego Philosophy Department

Quantity: 1 box (1 linear foot)

Summary: The University of San Diego Philosophy Department records include meeting minutes, transcripts of meetings, memoranda, correspondence, and news releases documenting the establishment, growth, and activities of the department. These records document discussions about curriculum, general education requirements, student outlook, and faculty standing. The bulk of these records cover the 1970s and include discussions surrounding the merging of the College for Women and College for Men as well as the changing scope of the Philosophy Department.

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Historical Note

The College for Women and College for Men had separate Philosophy Departments until the two colleges were set to merge. The merge proved challenging largely because of the difference in teaching philosophies between College for Men Philosophy Department chairman, Father William Shipley, and

the College for Women Philosophy Department chairman, Dr. Richard George. Dr. George believed student should be taught only the perennial philosophy of Aristotle and Aquinas. Father Shipley felt the program should have a historical survey of philosophers and allow students to learn diverse philosophical systems. Shipley was ultimately voted in as the chairman of the newly merged philosophy department in April 1970. While discussion of the role of the Philosophy department continued, Shipley's view were more readily incorporated.

Dr. John Swanke served as a professor in the Philosophy Department for 25 years beginning in 1968. He served as chairman of the department in 1974.

The Department of Philosophy continues to cover significant historical periods and major philosophical methods with focus in the study of ethics, values, and morals.

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Scope and Content Note

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Arrangement

These records consist of one series of Administrative Records. The first few files concern the separate College for Men and College for Women Philosophy Departments and are organized chronologically. The remaining files are organized alphabetically.

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Restrictions

These records are open for research.

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Related Material

For more records related to the Philosophy Department, see the Father William Shipley papers.

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Index Terms

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the online catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Shipley, William L.
Swanke, John
Phi Sigma Tau
San Diego College for Women
University of San Diego
University of San Diego. College for Men
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Administrative Information

Preferred citation

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Processing Information

This collection was processed by Tessie Camina in 2009. Additional processing was conducted by Ashley Toutain in 2017. Original order is unknown, but files were left as ordered when found in 2017.

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Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Administration, 1968-1986

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[Transcripts of meetings regarding merger.]
- 2 Philosophy Departments Joint Philosophy Curricula Memoranda, 1969-1970
- 3 Coordinate Colleges Memoranda, 1969-1970
- 4 Coordinate Colleges Memoranda, 1970-1971
- 5 AART Committee Promotions, 1974
Materials in this folder are restricted.
- 6 Budget, 1973-1974
- 7 Budget Status Report, 1973-1974
- 8 Chairman John Swanke File, 1974-1975
- 9 Chairman William Shipley Correspondence, 1972
- 10-12 Class Lists, 1971
- 13 Class Reservation, 1973 Fall
- 14 Class Reservation, 1974
- 15 Class Schedule, 1969 Spring
- 16 Class Schedule - John Swanke Memos and Correspondence, 1984-1986
- 17 Class Schedule, undated
- 18 Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, 1973
[Including Curriculum Committee materials.]
- 19 Dr. John Swanke Correspondence, 1973
- 20 Correspondence, 1974-1975
- 21 Course Offerings, 1973-1974
- 22 Curriculum Committee Requirement for Transfer Students, 1971
- 23 Curriculum Committee New Philosophy Courses, 1973
- 24 Curriculum Proposals, circa 1970s
- 25 Curriculum Vitae Glowienka, Emerine Frances, 1970
- 26 Curriculum Vitae - Phelps, Mary, 1971
- 27 Curriculum Vitae [Louis Tenzis], circa 1970
- 28 Dean of Students Memoranda, 1969, 1971
- 29 Faculty, 1974
Materials in this folder are restricted.
- 30 Faculty Association Meeting Minutes, 1969 December 10
- 31 Faculty Information List, circa 1973
- 32 Final Examination, undated
- 33 Future of Department Notes, circa 1970s
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- 35 Intersession Course Memoranda, 1972 October
- 36 Job Applicants, 1972-1973
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- 37 Job Openings, 1972
- 38 Lectures, 1972-1974
[News releases, articles and lecture information primarily for
lectures planned by the Phi Sigma Tau honor society.]
- 39 Letter of Concern, 1969 December
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- 40 Letter from a Student, 1973 May
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- 54 Memoranda, 1987
- 55 Miscellaneous [Student Opinion of Education], 1969
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- 64 USD: The Stage Beginning with Unification, 1971
- 65 Undergraduate Bulletin - Philosophy, 1972-1973
- 66 University Holiday Schedule, 1976-1977
- 67 WASC Case Study Report - Memorandum, 1972
- 68 WASC Report, circa 1970s