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The University of Texas at
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Biography or Historical Sketch

Created by Senate Bill 183, the State School of Mines and Metallurgy was founded in 1913 due to El Pasoans' requests for a school to train mining engineers and metallurgists to help support the local mining and smelting industries. In 1914 the State School of Mines opened on land and buildings east of Ft. Bliss that were formerly occupied by the El Paso Military Institute. University of Texas Regents named Stephen Worrell as the first dean. On its official opening day, September 23, 1914, twenty-seven male students enrolled in the School. By 1916 two women, Ruth Brown and Grace Odell, also enrolled. Later that year a fire destroyed the School's main building and the campus relocated to land donated by El Pasoans in the Sunset Heights area. After viewing British explorer's Jean Claude White's photographs of the Kingdom of Bhutan in the April 1914 issue of *National Geographic*, Kathleen Worrell, wife of the dean, recommended that the new campus adopt Bhutanese-style architecture because of the similarities between Bhutan's and El Paso's landscapes. Construction on the new buildings began in 1917, and by the end of the 1910s, enrollment grew to over a hundred students.

During the 1920s the school's name was changed to the College of Mines and Metallurgy, El Paso and it merged with El Paso Junior College. This merger caused enrollment to increase to 400 students. The 1920s also saw the establishment of several student life traditions, including the creation of the *Flowsheet* yearbook and Homecoming. In 1931 John G. Barry became the College's first president, though financial troubles from the Great Depression put the College at risk for closure. Despite the difficult economic environment of the 1930s, the College continued to expand. An athletic field was constructed in 1933 (named after longtime dean and professor John W. "Cap" Kidd), and the Centennial Museum opened on campus in 1937. Three years later, the University of Texas Regents approved the creation of the College's first graduate degree (the Master of Arts).

World War II caused many changes at the College of Mines as enrollment declined significantly as young men and women served in the military and in wartime industries throughout the early 1940s. Young women were also encouraged for the first time to take classes in male-dominated fields, such as engineering, to help alleviate worker shortages. After the war ended in 1945 and the passage of the GI Bill of Rights, returning servicemen and women increasingly attended college, and the College of Mines' enrollment reached 2,000. Because of the large number of veterans attending the College of Mines, the school established housing for married veteran students and their families in an area called "Vet Village." In 1949 the College's name changed to Texas Western College of the University of Texas.

The 1950s – 1970s brought several important developments to the campus. As Texas Western College, the school added several buildings to the campus, including Magoffin Auditorium, the Science Building, the Women's Gym, and Miners Hall during the early 1950s. In 1952 Texas Western Press was founded by printer Carl Hertzog, and in 1953 the Schellenger Research Laboratory was created. Moreover, in 1955 Texas Western College became the first white Texas public college to admit African American students after a lawsuit was filed by Douglass School student Thelma White

who was denied admission because of her race. Highlights from the 1960s and 1970s include: the training of the nation's first Peace Corps class in 1961, the construction of Sun Bowl Stadium in 1963, winning the NCAA national championship under Coach Don Haskins in 1966, and protests by MECHA and La Mesa Directiva against school policies and practices in 1971. Texas Western College changed its name to the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) in 1967, and during the late 1960s a Chicano Studies program was established. In 1974 UTEP started offering its first doctoral degree – in Geological Sciences.

Throughout the 1980s – 2000s UTEP continued to expand as both undergraduate and graduate enrollment dramatically increased. The new six-story library was completed in 1984, and in 1988 Dr. Diana Natalicio became UTEP's first woman president. In 2004 UTEP celebrated its 90th anniversary and will celebrate its centennial in 2014. As of 2010 UTEP has over 20,000 registered students and is divided into eight colleges: the College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the College of Health Sciences, the College of Liberal Arts, the School of Nursing, the College of Science, and the University College.

[Sources: UTEP web site; UTEP Collection, MS 001]

Series Description or Arrangement

The Faculty Senate series was left in the order found by the archivist.

Scope and Content Notes

The University of Texas at El Paso Faculty Senate records date 1958 – 2001, bulk 1960s – 1990s. Types of records include agendas, minutes, reports, memorandum, and correspondence. This series was left in original order.

Provenance Statement

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Notes to the Researcher

Original box numbers: 52 – 56. This series is part of the UTEP records, MS 001. Some of the materials may have been removed from the Ray Past Collection, MS 399 as a few original folders had that collection name on them.

Container List

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	General faculty meeting minutes	1967, 1969 – 1970
1	2	Faculty Council, minutes Vol. X, XI, XIV	1970 – 1971, 1974
1	3	Reports, memorandum, and minutes	Fall 1982
1	4	Memorandum	1967 – 1971
1	5	Minutes and correspondence	1958 – 1969
1	6	Faculty Council minutes and roster	1959 – 1965
1	7	Constitution – Faculty government	September 1977
1	8	Organization papers and minutes, 1 of 2	1960 – 1969
1	9	Organization papers and minutes, 2 of 2	1960 – 1969
1	10	Faculty Committee on Student Activities minutes, memorandum, fraternity report, and clipping	1964
1	11	Faculty Welfare Committee memorandum and minutes	1967 – 1968
1	12	Final Exam Committee questionnaires	about 1966
1	13	Minutes	1977
1	14	Senate [roster of standing committees, agenda, minutes, and other materials], 1 of 2	1982
2	1	Senate [roster of standing committees, agenda, minutes, and other materials], 2 of 2	1982
2	2	Minutes, memorandum, proposal for MS in interdisciplinary studies	September 1979 – November 1979
2	3	Minutes, action reports, and other materials	February 14, 1984 – December 11, 1984
2	4	Minutes, action reports, and College of Education materials	February 12, 1985 – November 18, 1985
2	5	Minutes	July 8, 1986 – May 12, 1987
2	6	Minutes and memorandum	June 9, 1987 – June 14, 1988
2	7	Minutes, agendas, and memorandum	February 14, 1989 – April 4, 1989

2	8	Action reports, memorandum, and other materials	March 14, 1989 – April 16, 1990
2	9	Minutes	February 1995
3	1	Minutes, signature sheets	July 11, 1989 – November 27, 1989
3	2	Minutes, signature sheets, action report index	February 12, 1991 – June 11, 1991
3	3	Minutes and signature sheets	October 10, 1989 – December 8, 1992
3	4	Minutes	March 1, 1993 – March 9, 1993
3	5	Memorandum and minutes	March 22, 1993 – June 4, 1993
3	6	Minutes	April 13, 1993
3	7	Minutes	April 22, 1993 – May 4, 1993
3	8	Minutes	June 8, 1993 – November 9, 1993
3	9	Minutes	July 13, 1993
3	10	Minutes	October 12, 1993
3	11	Minutes and memorandum	December 1993 – January 1994
3	12	Minutes, agenda, action report, copy of Canon – Fall '93	September 1993 – March 1994
3	13	Minutes, memorandum, proposed resolution for the granting of degrees	March 1994
3	14	Minutes, memorandum, draft – UTEP Academic Program Assessment	April 1994
3	15	Minutes	May 3, 1994
3	16	Minutes and memorandum	July – August 1994
3	17	Minutes, memorandum, UTEP Academic Program Assessment	June 1994
3	18	Minutes, memorandum, action report	November 1994
3	19	Minutes and memorandum	September 1994
3	20	Minutes, memorandum, and resolution	October 1994
4	1	Minutes, memorandum, and attachments	December 1994 – January 1995
4	2	Minutes, memorandum, resolution	March 1995
4	3	Minutes and memorandum	1994 – 1995
4	4	Minutes	1995 – 1996
4	5	Minutes	1992 – 1997
4	6	Minutes	1998

4	7	Minutes	1999
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