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University of Texas at El Paso Staff Council Records

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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 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

after she 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 90<sup>th</sup> 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**

Minimal processing was done. Agendas and minutes from web site are arranged in chronological order.

## **Scope and Content Notes**

The University of Texas at El Paso Staff Council series (part of the UTEP Collection) dates 1994 – 2011. Types of records include agendas, minutes, correspondence and memorandum, questionnaires, forms, and other printed material. These materials help document the Staff Council's activities and UTEP's history during the 1990s – 2010s.

## **Provenance Statement**

Transferred by the University of Texas at El Paso. Additionally, some minutes and agendas (mostly 2003 – 2011) were printed out by the archivist from the Staff Council web site. However, several links went to incorrectly dates minutes.

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## **Restrictions**

None.

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## **Notes to the Researcher**

Researchers should also see:

UTEP Faculty Senate, MS 001

UTEP Graduate Council, MS 001

UTEP Student Association, MS 001

## Container List

Box #	Folder #	Title	Date
1	1	Information Fair and Staff Celebration	2005
1	2	Information Fair	August 2004
1	3	Staff Forum	August 13, 2004
1	4	Reports, correspondence, and questionnaires	2006
2	1	Directory, by-laws, and other materials	1994 – 1996
2	2	Newsletters, minutes, and other materials	1994 – 1995
2	3	Newsletters, minutes, and other materials	1994 – 1995
2	4	By-laws, memos, newsletters, and minutes	1995 – 1996
2	5	By-laws, memos, newsletters, and minutes	1995 – 1996
2	6	By-laws, memos, newsletters, and minutes	1995 – 1996
3	1	Floppy discs	about January 30, 2001
3	2	SACS Reaffirmation Committee Report and UTEP Response, 1 of 2	1996
3	3	SACS Reaffirmation Committee Report and UTEP Response, 2 of 2	1996
3	4	Correspondence, memos, agendas, and other materials	1994
3	5	Roster, policies (draft), reports, and memorandum	1995 – 1996
3	6	Other staff councils' information	about 1994 – 1996
3	7	Agenda, Communication Committee materials, and other materials	1994 – 1996
4	1	Minutes and treasury report	1998 – 2000
4	2	Minutes	1998 – 2000
4	3	Staff forum, mission statement, Employee Advisory Committee, and other materials	1998 – 2000
4	4	<i>Synergizer</i> , minutes, Parking/Traffic Committee, and other materials	1998 – 2000
5	1	Minutes and other materials	1999 – 2000
5	2	Minutes and other materials	1998 – 2000
5	3	Minutes and other records	2001 – 2002
5	4	By-laws, minutes, and other records	2001 – 2002

5	5	Calendar, meeting minutes, and other materials	2001 – 2002
5	6	Staff development, memos, and other materials	2001 – 2002
6	1	Minutes and other materials	1996 – 1997
6	2	Share Info. Network, minutes, and other materials	1996 – 1997
6	3	Minutes and other materials	1999 – 2000
6	4	Minutes and other materials	1999 – 2000
6	5	Newsletters, minutes, and other materials	1994 – 1995
6	6	Photographs and negatives of staff council (by David Flores)	about 1996
6	7	Staff council stationery	about 1990s
6	8	<i>The Synergizer</i> (newsletter)	1995 – 1996
7	1	Minutes	2003
7	2	Minutes	2005
7	3	Minutes	2006
7	4	Agenda	November 21, 2008
7	5	Minutes, agendas, reports	2009
7	6	Minutes and agendas	2010
7	7	Minutes and agendas	2011