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HISTORY

The first evidence of student government at NDSU appears in the NDAC Catalogue for 1893-94. The students elected officers and established rules to maintain discipline among each other. The next mention of student government is not until 1911 in the NDAC *Agassiz*. A student council form of government was adopted in the winter of 1910, as a result of the students' desire for a "more direct and rapid means of conducting the business affairs of the student body." The council had a total of thirty representatives, "composed of five members from each of the college classes, [and] two from every one of the academic

courses.” In 1915, the organization changed its title to Student Commission, with the ratification of a new Student Body Constitution. A new constitution in 1953-54 changed the name of the governing body to Student Senate. The title of Student Commission was transferred to the chairmen of the various boards commissioned by the student senate, essentially the cabinet of the student body president. The Senate plan consisted of 18 senators elected by the student body, 12 two-year terms, and six one-year terms. The senate form of student government is still in action at NDSU today.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The [Student Senate Minutes Series](#) contains Student Government Constitutions, lists of Senators and Commissioners names and addresses, correspondence, and minutes of Student Senate meetings. The minutes are in chronological order from November 1941 through April 1982. Several years are incomplete. Minutes are missing for the years 1942-49, 1958-59, 1969-72, 1975-76, 1977-78, and 1979-81. Bound volumes contain the minutes for 1941-42 and 1949-54, and 1954-55.¹ The minutes also contain reports of various student commissions. Minutes of some of the commissions are located in the Commissions and Committee Minutes Series. The only records available for the 1976-77 school year are proposed resolutions.

The [Budgets Series](#) includes budget requests from various campus commissions and clubs, draft copies of final budgets and final budgets, from 1962-75. The budget requests for the Student Activities Commission/Board are separate for the school years between 1966-69, because of original order. There are no records for 1970-1972. Some records also include guidelines for allocating funds.

Minutes, lists of members, correspondence, and some operating procedures for senate commissions make-up the [Commissions and Committee Minutes Series](#). The commissions, listed in order, include: Commission of Finance, Commission of Athletics, Board of Organizations and Activities/Commission of Student Activities/Student Activities Board, Commission of Campus Affairs, Commission of Inter-campus Affairs, and Commission of Publications. Guidelines for the Committee on Fraternity-University Relations are in the last folder of the series. Several minutes of the NDSU Board of Athletics are included with the Commission of Athletics minutes, since commission members attended board meetings. Cheerleader selection results and preparation records are also part of the Commission of Athletics papers.

Records of projects and events, and records generated by the university but otherwise unconnected to the other series, are in the [Subject Files Series](#). Projects and events included are a book donation to Tottori University of Japan, 1965-66 Freshmen Orientation, 1964, 1965, and 1966 Homecomings, 1965 Leadership Training Conference, undated Miss America Preliminary Pageant, 1966-67 Model United Nations, 1966 National Honor Society Convention, 1964 riot against the Food Service and asserting student rights, and 1966-67 Teacher Evaluation Program Planning. Petitions against the closing of West College Street and 12th Avenue Reconstruction environmental statements and transcript of a public

¹ These volumes also contained a number of loose newspaper articles and other papers. The newspaper items were photocopied on acid-free paper and these and the other loose papers are included in a separate folder behind the corresponding volume. The pages of the minutes between which the loose clippings and papers were found is written on the back of each paper, in the lower left hand corner.

hearing on 12th Avenue Reconstruction of 1973 are also included. Associated Student Governments Association Constitutions and programs, a copy of amended By-laws of the Memorial Union, a copy of the Constitution of the Student Body, miscellaneous Student Government election campaign notes, 1978-79 North Dakota Student Association minutes, an undated Reed-Johnson Constitution, and an Administrative handbook are other miscellaneous records.

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