Board of Governors
fonds

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*** Institutional records -- researcher access subject to review ***

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Fonds Description

2.05 m of textual records and published materials.
8 microfilm reels.
1 scrapbook.

Administrative History

The Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia was first constituted under the British Columbia University Act of 1908. The Board originally consisted of the Chancellor (who served as chairman) and the University President who were ex-officio members and nine individuals appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor. The Board is now composed of fifteen members and includes elected members of faculty, students and full time employees as well as eight people appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The Board of Governors is charged with the management, administration and control of the properties, revenue, business and affairs of the University. With the approval of Senate the Board establishes procedures for the recommendation and selection of candidates for presidents, deans, librarians, registrars and other senior academic administrators as the Board may designate. The Board also appoints the president, deans of all faculties, the librarian and other members of the teaching staff. The Board has the power to fix salaries and define duties and tenure of office, but members of the teaching staff may not be appointed, promoted or removed from office except upon the recommendation of the president. The Board receives from the president and analyses or adopts without modifications the budgets for operating and capital expenditures; fixes the fees to be paid by students; administers funds, grants, fees, endowments and other assets; and, with the approval of Senate, has the power to determine the number of students that may be accommodated at the University. The Board is required to seek the approval of the University Council which, in turn, must seek the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council before incurring deficits.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of Board minutes 1913-1963 (8 reels of microfilm); minutes of open Board meetings, 1975-1994; the Lampman report and exhibits (1931-32); Alumni Development Fund records (1948-1949) in a scrapbook; correspondence and manuscripts relating to the history of the university (1953-1961).
Notes

Fonds consists of institutional records – access requests must be reviewed by the University’s FOIPOP Coordinator.

File list available.

Records in the Minutes series in Boxes 3, 4, 6-12 were received from the UBC Information Office.
Series Descriptions

1.51 m of textual records.
8 microfilm reels.

Series consists of minutes of Board of Governors meetings. For the years of 1969-1975 there are minutes, agendas, and background reading provided to the governors for each meeting.

19 cm of textual records.

In 1931, Judge Peter Lampman was appointed by the Provincial Government at the request of the Board of Governors to conduct an investigation of the governance of the University. Significant funding cuts to the University and the response of President Klinck created a conflict amongst various bodies on campus. Lampman's report suggested that there were perhaps too many governing bodies on campus dealing with the similar matters. The resulting report lead to changes in the membership of the Senate and Board.

Series consists of materials pertaining to the Lampman report.

**Committee on University History series.** – 1953-1961.
35 cm of textual records and published materials.

Series consists of typescripts and publications pertaining to the history of UBC. The work of the Committee on University History resulted in the publication of Harry Logan’s *Tuum Est* (1958).

1 scrapbook.

Series consists of a scrapbook of materials pertaining to the Alumni Development Fund.
File List

MINUTES SERIES

BOX 1

Board of Governors - Minutes (1913-1963) [8 microfilm reels]

BOX 2

Board of Governors - Open Meeting Minutes (1975-1994)

LAMPMAN REPORT SERIES

BOX 3

3-1/17 Lampman Report Records (1931-32)

MINUTES SERIES (cont.)

3-18, 19 Board of Governors’ Meeting agendas, minutes and background information provided to governors (Dec. 1969, Jan. 1970)

BOX 4

4-1/11 Board of Governors’ Meeting agendas, minutes and background information provided to governors (Feb. 1970 – Dec. 1970)

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COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY HISTORY SERIES

4-12 “Early History of the University of British Columbia” by F.H. Soward – bound typescript.
BOX 5

5-1  Committee on History – Cumulative File (1952-61)

5-2  Lampman Report – duplicates including Pres. Klinck’s copy (July 1932)

5-3  “Tuum Est” by Harry Logan (1958)

ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT FUNDS SERIES

5-4  Alumni Development Funds - Scrapbook (1948/49)

BOXES 6-12

MINUTES SERIES (cont.)

  Board of Governors’ Meeting agendas, minutes and background information provided to governors (1971-1973, 1975)