

# Convocation fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Convocation fonds.** – 1890, 1912-1960.

13 cm of textual records.

## **Administrative History**

The functions of Convocation, whose members include the Chancellor, President, members of the Senate, all faculty members, and all graduates of the University, are primarily electoral. Members of Convocation elect the Chancellor who serves as chairman of the body and the Registrar acts as its secretary and maintains the roll of Convocation. It has the power to confer degrees, including honorary degrees, and award diplomas and certificates of proficiency.

The "first" meeting of Convocation which was convened in 1890 as a preliminary step to establishing a provincial university failed owing to political sectarianism. At a meeting held in Victoria in 1912 over 400 of the 739 registered members of Convocation elected Francis Carter-Cotton as Chancellor and also fifteen elective members of Senate. This event was clearly regarded by the Provincial Government as a launching ceremony for the University.

## **Scope and Content**

The fonds consists of the minutes of the "first" Convocation of UBC held in 1890, minutes of Convocation (1912-1960), election information and programs (1912) and printed material. The minutes and one letter from the 1890 meeting have been placed with the official records of Convocation properly constituted in 1912.

## **Notes**

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

File list available.

Title based on the contents of the fonds.