

Library Assistants' Association fonds

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Fonds Description

Library Assistants' Association fonds. - 1964-1975.

12.5 cm of textual materials.

Administrative History

The Library Assistants' Association (hereafter referred to as LAA) was formed in September 1965. There were 65 founding members. The stated objects of the LAA were as follows:

The objects of this Association are the regulation of relations between the members of the Association and the University of British Columbia through collective bargaining, the advancement of the social and economic welfare of the members and the promotion of unity and goodwill among the members. (Section 2, LAA Constitution, Feb. 3, 1966)

A number of battles were fought between the LAA and University Administration, with varying outcomes. One major breakthrough which was precipitated by the LAA was the changing of promotion policies for Library Assistants, whereby the requirement of a BA for advancement was rescinded. By 1971 the LAA acted mainly as a "watch dog" for the benefit of supporting staff. Apathetic membership proved to be a recurring problem for the LAA, and by 1973 there were threats of dissolution. With the certification of the AUCE on campus in early 1974, the LAA, relieved of its bargaining powers, decided to dissolve officially on July 1, 1975.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists copies of the constitution, minutes (1965-1975), correspondence (1965-1975), membership records (1967-1974), accounts and financial reports (1966-1973) and various newsletters and reports. A subject series is also present.

Notes

File list available.

Original order has been maintained wherever possible; however, since the records were obviously maintained by several different people over time, some refilling was performed in order to ensure continuity of the documentation.

Series Descriptions

Administration series. – 1965-1975.

6.5 cm of textual materials.

Series consists of minutes of meetings, annual reports, financial materials, newsletters, and membership materials pertaining to the administration of the Library Assistants' Association.

Subject Files series. – 1964-1975.

6 cm of textual materials.

Series consists of briefs, reports, minutes of meetings, and contracts pertaining to the administration and general activities of the Library Assistants' Association.

File List

ADMINISTRATION

BOX 1

- 1-1 Constitution and organizational information
- 1-2 Minutes (1965-1975)
- 1-3 Executive Nominations (1968-1975)
- 1-4 Annual Reports (1971-1972)
- 1-5 Financial Statements (1968-1973)
- 1-6 Accounts Book (1966-1973)
- 1-7 Paid Invoices (1968-1974)
- 1-8 Membership Records (1967-1974)
- 1-9 Membership Records (1971)
- 1-10 Correspondence (1965-1975)
- 1-11 Newsletters and Articles (1967-1975)
- 1-12 Social Bookings (1969-1972)
- 1-13 Miscellaneous (n.d.)

SUBJECT FILES

- 1-14 Annual Salary Scales, UBC (1965-1973)
- 1-15 Miscellaneous File (n.d.)
- 1-16 Original Brief to BOG (Nov. 1965)

- 1-17 Penny Power Reports (n.d.)
- 1-18 Performance Ratings Sheets (n.d.)
- 1-19 Sample Briefs (1964-1966)
- 1-20 UBC Employee and Miscellaneous Bulletins (1967-1972)
- 1-21 Union Contracts (n.d.)
- 1-23 Annual Report of the Chairman (1967-1974)
- 1-24 Minutes (1965-1975)