Department of Mathematics
fonds

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Fonds Description

Department of Mathematics fonds. – 1985-2012.
62 cm textual records and other materials.

Administrative History

Housed in the Mathematics Building and Annex (built 1924-25), the Department of Mathematics was among the first departments at the University. In 1909 mathematics professor George E. Robinson was Acting Principal and Dean of Arts for the University’s predecessor, the McGill University College of British Columbia. Initially, the department was part of the Faculty of Arts, but in 1922/23 the Faculty of Arts was renamed the Faculty of Arts and Science. In 1963 the Department joined the newly formed Faculty of Science.

UBC has long been known as home to one of the top mathematics programs in Canada. In 1972 the Department, in partnership with the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the College for Interdisciplinary Studies, founded the Institute for Applied Mathematics (IAM). This developed out of a need to provide applied mathematics students the opportunity to embrace an interdisciplinary approach and study mathematics in other departments. The Department is an active participant in the wider mathematics community. Since 1979 it has run the Euclid Contest for British Columbia in addition to a number of other outreach programs geared at broadening mathematics education across various communities.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of departmental reports, correspondence and records from the Department of Mathematics. Records are arranged in four series focusing on meetings, departmental reviews and reports, awards, and public relations. The bulk of the material is split between the departmental reviews and meeting minutes.

Notes

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

Other related material can be found in the 1974 International Congress of Mathematicians fonds, and the Walter H. Gage fonds.

Fonds also includes 6 micro-audiocassettes.

File list available.
22 cm of textual records,
6 micro-audiocassettes.

Series consists of minutes, agendas and correspondence from departmental meetings along with agendas and presentation materials from department chair meetings. Some files include audio recordings of meetings on micro-audiocassette.

Boxes: 1 ; 2 (1/18).

Reports & reviews series. – 1989-2012.
24 cm of textual records.

Series consists of departmental reviews along with associated correspondence, meeting minutes, responses, and agendas. Also includes budget and general reports.

Boxes: 2 (19/21) ; 3 ; 4 (1/3).

3 cm of textual records.

Series consists of materials related to awards for the faculty and scholarships for mathematics students. Mainly correspondence.

Box: 4 (4/8).

13 cm of textual records.

Series consists of material related to department publicity, community relations, and recruitment of faculty. Includes correspondence, press clippings, publications, and ephemera.

Boxes: 4 (9/10) ; 5.
### File List

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**MEETINGS SERIES**

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1-17  Chairs meeting Canada. – Notes, clippings, agendas, presentation materials, and meeting materials primarily to the 2nd Meeting of Chairs of Mathematics Departments in Canada. 2000.
1-18  Chairs meetings. – Notes, clippings, and meeting materials for various meetings. 2001.
1-20  Dept. mtg. mins Feb 3/94. – Meeting agenda, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1994.
1-21  Dept. meeting March 10/94 & March 31/94. – Meeting agenda, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1994.
1-22  Dept. mins June 6/95 – co-op. – Meeting agenda, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1995.
1-26  Dept. mins Jan 23/97. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1997

BOX 2

2-3  Dept. mins / Apr 10-03 / Continuation of April 8 undergrad issues. – Minutes and notes. 2003.
2-6  DCA  mtg. / Apr 8 or 13, 2004 / Kenyon. – Minutes, notes. 2004.
2-7  Dept. mtg. May 4-04 / hiring plan cont’d, approval of ads 04-05 / 04-05 proposed cda cmtt approval / Undergraduate Chair Gupta – approval, library issues. – Minutes, notes. 2004.


Agenda (department meeting, April 22, 2005).


Dept. meeting – April 7, 2011 formal adoption of Math-CWSEI materials for ongoing use, dept. review planning. – Correspondence, minutes, notes. 2011.

REVIEWS & REPORTS SERIES


3-2 Department of mathematics review, January 1994 – additions to binders. – Agendas, minutes, booklets and correspondence taken from the front of the four copies of the 1994 review. [removed from binder]. 1991-1995.


3-4 Budget. - [removed from binder]. 1998.


3-8 Agenda for dept. review 2001. – Meeting minutes, reports, agendas, and associated correspondence.

BOX 4

4-1 Review agenda 2006. – Regarding 2007 department review.


AWARDS SERIES


4-5 Awards. – Correspondence regarding scholarships. 1985-1997.

4-6 Awards – NSERC Gold Medal, Steacie etc. [Killam]. – Correspondence. 1990-1997.

4-7 Science teach (sic) award. – Correspondence. 1994-1996.

4-8 Douglas/Riddell Scholarship. – Correspondence. 1997.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SERIES


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5-1 Advertisements 2001. – Correspondence and copy for department recruiting advertisements. [removed from binder]. 2001.
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