

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.

Series Descriptions

Meetings series. – 1987-2011.

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).

Awards series. – 1985-1997.

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).

Public relations series. – 1992-2002.

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

BOX 1

MEETINGS SERIES

- 1-1 Dept. mtg's. 1987/88. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1986-1988
- 1-2 General meetings – [departmental 1988/1989]. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. August 30, 1988- February 23, 1989.
- 1-3 Miscellaneous notices / special meetings 1988/1990. – Memorandum and minutes. April 4, 1989.
- 1-4 General meetings – [departmental 1989/1990]. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. September 7, 1989- May 17,1990.
- 1-5 General meetings – [departmental 1990/1991]. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. May 17, 1990-March 21, 1991.
- 1-6 General meetings – [departmental 1991/1992]. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1991-1992.
- 1-7 General meetings – [departmental 1992/1993]. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1992-1993.
- 1-8 Curriculum mtgs. [April 20, 1993]. – Agenda and reference material. 1993.
- 1-9 General meetings – [departmental 1993/1994]. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1993-1994.
- 1-10 Dept. meetings 94/5. – Meeting agenda, minutes, notes and related correspondence. June 7, 1994-March 24, 1995.
- 1-11 Miscellaneous notices/special meetings [1994/1995]. – Meeting agenda, minutes, notes and related correspondence. September 8, 1994-May 25, 1995
- 1-12 Miscellaneous notices / special meetings [1995/1996]. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. September 7, 1995- March 28, 1996.
- 1-13 Dept. meet 96/7. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. March 27, 1996 – May 12, 1997.
- 1-14 Miscellaneous notices / special meetings [1997]. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. February 27, 1997 – May 12, 1997.
- 1-15 Dept. mtg. announce. (2 September 1994 – 12 May 1997). – Meeting announcements, (Removed from binder). 1994-1997.
- 1-16 Dept. meetings. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. January 21, 1998 – October 18, 2001.

- 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.
- 1-19 Mtgs. mins dept. Jan 13/94. – Meeting agenda, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1994.
- 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.
- 1-23 Dept^{al} minutes 1995/6. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. June 6, 1995 – April 1, 1996.
- 1-24 Dept. mtg. Sept 7/95. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1995.
- 1-25 Dept. mtg. Sept. 14/95. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1995.
- 1-26 Dept. mins Jan 23/97. – Meeting agendas, minutes, notes and related correspondence. 1997
- 1-27 Department mtg. Sept 26-02 / curriculum matters. – Minutes, notes, and 1 micro-audiocassette recording. 2002.

BOX 2

- 2-1 Dept. mins Nov 21, 2002 / reappointment Liu and Novocelskii. – Minutes, correspondence, notes, and 2 micro-audiocassette recordings. 2002.
- 2-2 Dept. mins Apr 8, 2003 / undergraduate issues. – Minutes, notes, and 1 micro-audiocassette. 2003.
- 2-3 Dept. mins / Apr 10-03 / Continuation of April 8 undergrad issues. – Minutes and notes. 2003.
- 2-4 Dept. mins/ October 2, 2003 / facilities mtg. – future. – Minutes, notes, agenda. 2003.
- 2-5 Dept. mtg. March 30, 2004 / revised hiring plan. – Minutes, notes, 1 micro-audiocassette. 2004.
- 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.

- 2-8 Dept. mtg. May 11, 2004 / continuation of May 7/04 mtg. / ads. Cmtt approval for 04-05, library issues. – Minutes, notes. 2004.
- 2-9 Dept. meeting – May 26, 2004 / continuation of May 11 meeting / library issues. – Minutes, notes. 2004.
- 2-10 Dept. mtg. Oct 7/04 / curriculum. – Minutes, notes, correspondence. 2004.
- 2-11 Agenda (department meeting, April 22, 2005).
- 2-12 Dept. mtg. Nov 29-2005 / part I: continuation of disc. On non-regular faculty positions / part II: graduate program matters. – Correspondence, minutes, notes. 2005.
- 2-13 Dept. mtg. Dev. 6, 2005 / continuation of grad issues. – Minutes, notes, correspondence. 2005.
- 2-14 Dept. mtg. June 16-2006 / NSERC issues. – Notes, correspondence, minutes. 2006.
- 2-15 Dept. mtg. Sept 16, 2010 / announcements, curriculum, grad fellowship applications, committee for tenure, promotion. – Minutes, correspondence, notes. 2010.
- 2-16 Dept. mtg. Sept 30, 2010 / Math Bldg., UBC planning, Math 264, cmtt for T/P DACOPAT. – Notes, minutes, correspondence. 2010.
- 2-17 Dept. mtg. Nov 25, 2010 – budget update, 2. Future strategic planning: brief comments 3. Call for CRC proposals from depts. 4. Math finance program, grad recruitment topics 6. Other grad items. – Notes, correspondence, minutes. 2010.
- 2-18 Dept. meeting – April 7, 2011 formal adoption of Math-CWSEI materials for ongoing use, dept. review planning. – Correspondence, minutes, notes. 2011.

REVIEWS & REPORTS SERIES

- 2-19 Department review 1993. – Meeting minutes, reports, agendas, and associated correspondence. 1991-1995.
- 2-20 Department review mathematics 1993. – Meeting minutes, reports, agendas, and associated correspondence. 1989-1993.
- 2-21 Department review 1994. – Correspondence and notes regarding 1994 department review. 1987-1994.

BOX 3

- 3-1 Department of mathematics review, January 1994. – [removed from binder]. 1994.

- 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.
- 3-3 Survey of first-year university students – University of British Columbia edition. June, 1998. – [removed from binder].
- 3-4 Budget. - [removed from binder]. 1998.
- 3-5 Department review 2001. – [removed from binder]. 2001.
- 3-6 Department review 2001 – copy 1 additions [removed from binder]. 2001.
- 3-7 Department review 2001 – copy 2 additions [removed from binder]. 2001.
- 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.
- 4-2 Mathematics review 2006. – [removed from binder]. 2006-2007.
- 4-3 Mathematics department review 2011. – [removed from binder]. 2011-2012.

AWARDS SERIES

- 4-4 CRM-Fields Prize 1995. - Nomination for *Centre de Recherches Mathématiques, Université de Montréal* – Fields prize. 1994-1995.
- 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

- 4-9 [Department review 1993] - booklets. – 1974-1991.
- 4-10 Media. – Press related to the department. 1997-2001.

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

- 5-2 Community relations. – Science Undergraduate Society publications featuring faculty teaching reviews, correspondence, report on women in science at UBC, clippings. 1992-2000.
- 5-3 Strange mail. – Correspondence received from the public. 1996-2002.