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Descriptive Summary

Identifier ICU.SPCL.PRESSEARCH

Title University of Chicago. Board of Trustees. Presidential Search Committees. Records

Date 1950-1977 (inclusive)

Size 3.25 linear ft. (7 boxes)

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Chicago, Illinois 60637

Abstract The records of the University of Chicago Board of Trustees Presidential Search Committees consist of 3.25 linear feet of material, spanning the years 1950 to 1977. The collection contains material from search procedures that resulted in the election of Chancellors and Presidents Lawrence Kimpton, George Beadle, John Wilson, and Hanna Gray. The material in the collection includes minutes and agendas from committee meetings, organizational correspondence and letters of recommendation, nominee files, publications of the University and the committees, financial and organizational data, press releases, notes, and ephemera.

Information on Use

Access
Series IV is restricted and will not be open for research until 2024. The remainder of the collection is open for research.

Citation
When quoting material from this collection the preferred citation is:

University of Chicago. Board of Trustees. Presidential Search Committees. Records, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Historical Note
Presidential Search Committees are formed periodically through the Board of Trustees, following or in anticipation of the end of the current president’s administration. Faculty members and trustees form the committee, which elects a new president from a pool of nominees, taking into account the suggestions and recommendations of the University of Chicago community as well as individuals and groups outside the university.
In 1945, the title of the chief executive officer of the University of Chicago was changed from "President" to "Chancellor." The title of the chief executive officer was changed back to "President" in 1961, during George W. Beadle's administration.

**Scope Note**

The records of the Presidential Search Committees contain 3.25 linear feet of material, spanning the years 1950 to 1977. Each series in the collection contains material pertaining to the proceedings of individual search committees. Series I contains material from the 1951 search resulting in the election of Lawrence Kimpton. Series II contains material from the search conducted from 1960 to 1961, resulting in the election of George Beadle. Series III contains material from the 1975 search resulting in the election of John Wilson. Series IV contains material from the 1977 search resulting in the election of Hanna Gray. Series I, II, and IV contain considerably less material than the more extensive records in Series III.

This collection does not contain material related to the search which resulted in the election of Edward H. Levi, who served as President from 1968 to 1975. Reference to Levi’s resignation is found in Series III.

Series III, subseries 4 contains biographical material and publications of individual nominees which pre-date the 1975 presidential search. Series III, subseries I; and Series IV contain facsimiles of material from previous searches, which were used for reference during search proceedings.

The material in the collection includes minutes and agenda from committee meetings, organizational correspondence and letters of recommendation, biographical material and publications of nominees, University and committee publications, University press releases, financial and organizational material, notes, and ephemera.

**Related Resources**

The following resources are located in the Special Collections Research Center:

- University of Chicago. Board of Trustees. Minutes
- Presidents Papers
- Beadle, George W. Papers
- Hanna Holborn Gray. Papers
- Hutchins, Robert M. Papers
- Kimpton, Lawrence A. Papers
- Levi, Edward H. Papers
Wilson, John T. Papers

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

Subject Headings

- Beadle, George W.
- Gray, Hanna H.
- Hutchins, Robert M.
- Kimpton, Lawrence A.
- Levi, Edward H.
- Wilson, John T.
- University of Chicago
- University of Chicago. Board of Trustees
- University of Chicago. Chancellors
- University of Chicago. Presidents

INVENTORY

Series I: Presidential Search, 1951
This series contains correspondence among University administrators, pertaining to the selection of the next chancellor following the resignation of Robert M. Hutchins in 1951. Lawrence A. Kimpton was elected later in the same year. The correspondence concerns the appointment of members of the Trustees Committee as well as alumni nominations for the position of chancellor.

Box 1
Folder 1
Correspondence, 1950-1951

Series II: Presidential Search, 1960-1961
This series contains material pertaining to the selection of the next chancellor following the resignation of Lawrence A. Kimpton in 1960. George W. Beadle was elected in 1961, serving first as Chancellor, then as President when the title was changed. Meeting minutes concern the formation of the search committee in March and April of 1960. Correspondence concerns Kimpton’s resignation from office.

Box 1
Folder 1
Council of the University Senate, minutes, 1960

Box 1
Folder 2
Correspondence, meeting schedule, 1960

Series III: Presidential Search, 1975
This series contains material pertaining to the search for the next president following the resignation of Edward H. Levi in 1975. John T. Wilson, Provost from 1969 to 1975 and
Acting President in 1975, was elected in December, 1975. This series comprises five subseries of material. Subseries 1 contains publications, correspondence, and organizational material pertaining to the formation of the Search Committee. Subseries 2 contains material pertaining to the periodic meetings of the search committee; this material includes meeting agenda and minutes, correspondence, lists of nominees, letters of recommendation, notes and financial material. This subseries is arranged chronologically. Subseries 3, also arranged chronologically, contains material pertaining to special events during the search proceedings, including the meeting of the Subcommittee of the Trustee-Faculty Committee on the Selection of the President of the University; schedules, nominee Donald Kennedy's campus visit, and the election of John T. Wilson. Subseries 4 consists of files of nominees under consideration by the committee; the material includes biographical information, letters of recommendation and other correspondence, publications, manuscripts, and notes. This series is arranged alphabetically by nominee. Subseries 5 includes publications from the Chicago Maroon, College Management, University of Chicago Magazine, and University of Chicago Record, as well as ephemera from John T. Wilson’s election and undated search material. The material in this series is concentrated in 1975. Biographical material, publications, and organizational material predating the search is included in subseries 1 and 2.

Subseries 1: Formation of Search Committee

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  Minutes, correspondence, committee member lists, notes;1967-1975
Box 2
Folder 2
  Press releases, 1975
Box 2
Folder 3
  Ranney, George A. Biographical material, June 1974
Box 2
Folder 4
  Smith, Hermon Dunlap. Biographical material, 1942-1970

Subseries 2: Search Committee Meetings

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Folder 5
  Minutes, correspondence;January 20, 1975
Box 2
Folder 6
  Agenda, minutes, nominee lists, correspondence, notes, financial material;February 8, 1975
Box 2
Folder 7
  Agenda, minutes, nominee lists, correspondence, notes, financial material;February 22, 1975
Folder 8
Agenda, minutes, nominee lists, correspondence, notes, financial material, publications;March 15, 1975

Box 2
Folder 9
Agenda, minutes, nominee lists, correspondence, notes, financial material;March 31, 1975

Box 2
Folder 10
Minutes, nominee lists, correspondence, financial material;April 14, 1975

Box 2
Folder 11
Minutes, nominee lists, correspondence;May 6, 1975

Box 2
Folder 12
Agenda, minutes, nominee lists, notes, financial material;May 27, 1975

Box 2
Folder 13
Minutes, nominee lists, correspondence, nominating ballot, financial material;June 16, 1975

Box 2
Folder 14
Minutes, nominee lists, correspondence, publications, notes, financial material;July 21, 1975

Box 2
Folder 15
Minutes, nominee lists, correspondence, September 25, 1975

Box 2
Folder 16
Nominee list;October 6, 1975

Box 2
Folder 17
Minutes, nominee lists, correspondence, notes, financial material;November 3, 1975

Subseries 3: Search Events

Box 3
Folder 1
Meeting of the Subcommittee of the Trustee-Faculty Committee on the Selection of the President of the University. Minutes, nominee lists, notes, correspondence;April 9, 1975

Box 3
Folder 2
Donald Kennedy, campus visit. Correspondence, organizational material, notes. May 1975

Box 3
Folder 3
Donald Kennedy, campus visit. Correspondence;July 1, 1975

Box 3
Folder 4
Donald Kennedy, campus visit. Schedule, biographical material, correspondence, financial material; June, 1975

Box 3
Folder 5
  Election of John T. Wilson, press release; December 2, 1975

Subseries 4: Nominee Files

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Folder 6
  Aaron-Austen, 1975

Box 3
Folder 7
  Baker-Brueckner, 1975

Box 3
Folder 8
  Calabresi-Cyert, 1975

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  Dam-Dykes, 1975

Box 3
Folder 10
  Ebert-Evans, 1975

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Folder 11
  Field-Fye, 1975

Box 3
Folder 12
  Gardner-Gunness, 1975

Box 3
Folder 13
  Haggerty-Hiatt, 1975

Box 4
Folder 1
  Hildebrand, Roger H., 1975

Box 4
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  Hildebrand, Roger H., speeches and articles, 1967-1973

Box 4
Folder 5
  Hogness-Hovde, 1975

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Folder 6
  Jackson-Johnson, 1975

Box 4
Folder 7
  Kahan-Kemeny, 1975
Box 4
Folder 8
   Kennedy, Donald, 1975
Box 4
Folder 9-10
   Kennedy, Donald, publications, 1972-1975
Box 4
Folder 11
   Kennedy, Robert-Kurland, 1975
Box 4
Folder 12
   Lacy-Lyman, 1975
Box 4
Folder 13
   Malott-Miller, 1975
Box 4
Folder 14
   Nachtrieb-Nye, 1975
Box 4
Folder 15
   Oaks-Oxnard, 1975
Box 5
Folder 1
   Paine-Polanyi, 1975
Box 5
Folder 2
   Press, Frank, 1975
Box 5
Folder 3
   Press, Frank, publications, 1971
Box 5
Folder 4
   Proehl, Paul O., 1975
Box 5
Folder 5
   Ray-Rivlin, 1975
Box 5
Folder 6
   Robinson-Ross, 1975
Box 5
Folder 7
   Sachs-Silber, 1975
Box 5
Folder 8
   Simpson-Swearer, 1975
Box 5
Folder 9
   Taft-Truman, 1975
Box 5
Folder 10
   Uitti-Vagelos, 1975
Box 5
Folder 11
   Ward-Weinberg, 1975
Box 5
Folder 12
   Weintraub, Karl J., 1970-1975
Box 5
Folder 13
   Weintraub, Karl J., speeches, articles, and reports, 1970-1975
Box 5
Folder 14
   Weintraub, Karl J., speeches, articles, and reports, 1970-1975
Box 5
Folder 15
   West-Wexler, 1975
Box 6
Folder 1
   Wharton, Clifton J., 1975
Box 6
Folder 2
   Wharton, Clifton J., 1971-1974
Box 6
Folder 3
   White-Wilkins, 1975
Box 6
Folder 4
   Wilson, James Q., 1975
Box 6
Folder 5
   Wilson, John Todd, 1975
Box 6
Folder 6
   Wilson, Robert R., 1967-1975
Box 6
Folder 7
   Winks-Wriston, 1975
Box 6
Folder 8
   Young, George F.W., 1975

Subseries 5: Publications, Ephemera, and Undated Material
Series IV: Presidential Search, 1977

This series contains material pertaining to the Presidential Search of 1977, conducted in anticipation of John T. Wilson’s retirement in 1978, and ending with the election of Hanna Holborn Gray in December of 1977. The material includes correspondence among administrators, trustees, and faculty; memoranda from the Secretary of the Faculties; press releases regarding committee activities and decisions; clippings of related Chicago Maroon news articles; and ballots used for nominating members of the faculty committee. Material in this series is concentrated in the first half of 1977, when committees were formed and the search was initiated. Correspondence, press releases, and publications produced upon Gray’s election are also included. Facsimiles of material from the previous presidential search were used as reference, and are contained in Folders 1-3 of this series.