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# Guide to the University of Chicago Board of Trustees Presidential Search Committees Records 1950-1977



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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Identifier</b>	ICU.SPCL.PRESSEARCH
<b>Title</b>	University of Chicago. Board of Trustees. Presidential Search Committees. Records
<b>Date</b>	1950-1977(inclusive)
<b>Size</b>	3.25 linear ft. (7 boxes)
<b>Repository</b>	1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637
<b>Abstract</b>	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**

#### **Box 2**

##### **Folder 1**

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**

#### **Box 2**

##### **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

#### **Box 2**

**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**

**Box 3**

**Folder 6**

Aaron-Austen, 1975

**Box 3**

**Folder 7**

Baker-Brueckner, 1975

**Box 3**

**Folder 8**

Calabresi-Cyert, 1975

**Box 3**

**Folder 9**

Dam-Dykes, 1975

**Box 3**

**Folder 10**

Ebert-Evans, 1975

**Box 3**

**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**

**Folder 2-4**

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

**Box 4**

**Folder 5**

Hogness-Hovde, 1975

**Box 4**

**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**

**Box 6**

**Folder 9**

Newspaper clippings, 1975-1976

**Box 6**

**Folder 10**

Journal articles, 1974-1975

**Box 6**

**Folder 11**

Ephemera, February 1976

**Box 6**

**Folder 12**

Correspondence receipt cards, n.d.

**Box 6**

**Folder 13**

Nominee lists, n.d.

**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.

**Box 7**

**Folder 1**

Committee of the Council and Council of the University Senate, minutes, 1974-1977

**Box 7**

**Folder 2**

Nominee lists, 1975

**Box 7**

**Folder 3**

Correspondence, 1974-1977

**Box 7**

**Folder 4**

Press releases, 1977

**Box 7**

**Folder 5**

News clippings, 1977

**Box 7**

**Folder 6**

Nominating ballots, February 18, 1977