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Guide to the Arthur Pearson Scott Papers 1923-1945



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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract Arthur Pearson Scott was a Professor of Modern History, at the University of Chicago. The collection contains correspondence, memoranda, and reports related to the University Senate and its committees, the Department of History, general education in the humanities, the implementation of the New Plan for the College, proposed abolition of academic rank, the 4E contract for faculty members, and the University Senate memorial submitted to the Board of Trustees in 1944 opposing administrative plans of President Robert M. Hutchins.

Acknowledgments

Information on Use

Access

No restrictions.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Scott, Arthur Pearson. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Arthur Pearson Scott (1884-1961) was born in Chicago and educated at Princeton and the University of Chicago, receiving his Ph.D. from the latter in 1916. After teaching at Syrian Protestant College, Beirut, from 1904 to 1907, he accepted a position in the Department of History of the University of Chicago, rising from instructor in history (1913) to the rank of Professor of Modern History (1941). He retired in 1949, subsequently holding visiting professorships at Yengching University (1947-48), UCLA (1950) and Bangkok (1951-52).

Scope Note

The papers in this collection deal exclusively with Scott's academic activities at the University of Chicago, principally during the 1930's and early 1940's. They are primarily concerned with the

establishment of the "Hutchins Plan," and illustrate the academic and administrative problems involved in setting up the College under the Plan, and the efforts to integrate its curricula and faculties with that of the Divisions and professional schools. It is especially revealing of the differences that arose between Hutchins and the faculty over basic educational philosophy and the determination of curricula and academic standards. The material has been arranged in two rough categories: correspondence, memoranda and reports originally authored by Scott, and material which may or may not have been authored by Scott, but with which he was involved, and which he amended. This material is arranged by provenance, running from the Board of Trustees down to the Laboratory Schools, and finishing with general matter not otherwise categorized. The collection contains only such material as appears to have involved Professor Scott or pertains to the establishment of the Hutchins Plan but is not available elsewhere. It is thus arranged to furnish sources both on the establishment of the Plan and on his participation in its establishment. It is contained in one box of fifteen folders.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

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

Subject Headings

- Scott, Arthur P. (Arthur Pearson), b. 1884
- Hutchins, Robert Maynard, 1899-
- University of Chicago-Faculty
- University of Chicago-Curricula
- University of Chicago. University Senate
- University of Chicago. College
- University of Chicago. College- History

INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1

Memoranda of Arthur P. Scott to the University Senate on general academic policy

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Folder 2

Memoranda of Arthur P. Scott to the Joint Committee on Granting of the Bachelor's Degree; College curriculum proposals

Box 1

Folder 3

Memoranda of Arthur P. Scott to the Humanities Section of the College; memoranda to the Committee on Departmental Objectives of the Department of History

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Folder 4

Correspondence of Arthur P. Scott (A-Z).

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Folder 5

Board of Trustee, Committee on Instruction and Research; correspondence, memoranda and policy statements, with marginal annotations by Arthur P. Scott

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Folder 6

University Senate: Memoranda, resolutions and memorials to the Board of Trustees, with corrections and marginal annotations by Arthur P. Scott

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Folder 7

University Senate, Committee on Academic Reorganization: memoranda, reports and resolutions (drafts, with corrections and notations by Arthur P. Scott); correspondence with the Board of Trustees

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Folder 8

University Senate, Committee on University Policy: internal correspondence, memoranda, reports and resolutions (drafts, with corrections and notations by Arthur P. Scott)

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Folder 9

Division of the Social Sciences, Department of Economics; internal correspondence relating to the College; Department of History, Committee on History, memorandum (with notations by Arthur P. Scott); Division of the Humanities, Committee on Policy: resolution (apparently a first draft in Arthur P. Scott's hand); Jt. Committee of the College and the Division of the Social Sciences: memoranda (with corrections by Arthur P. Scott)

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Folder 10

The College, Dean of the College: memoranda to Arthur P. Scott (with notations by Arthur P. Scott); the College, Executive Committee: memoranda and directives to College committee and sections; the College, Curriculum Committee: memoranda, reports (MS drafts) and proposals (with notations by Arthur P. Scott)

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Folder 11

The College, Committee on Policy and Personnel: minutes, reports (with extensive notations and additions by Arthur P. Scott); Four-Year College, Committee on the Humanities: memorandum

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Folder 12

The College, Joint Committee on the Granting of the Bachelor's Degree by the College: reports and comments by members of the committee

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Folder 13

The College, the Faculty of the College: Arthur P. Scott's notes on the voting records of faculty members; College Faculty questionnaires; College Faculty resolutions (MS drafts, some in Scott's handwriting, some in that of others, TS drafts, some with Scott's notations)

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Folder 14

The College, the Humanities Course Organization Committee: memoranda and reports (some with extensive notations by Scott); the College, the Physical Sciences Course Organization Committee: report; The University High School: report on the social sciences curriculum; The University Elementary School: report on social studies

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Folder 15

The University constitution: drafts of proposed revisions (with corrections by Arthur P. Scott; petitions and circulars of a miscellaneous nature