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## Summary Information

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## Historical Note

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The University Council was introduced in 1890 as an advisory body to the University President, in particular to all matters affecting the Master's and the Doctoral degrees, "the correlation of courses, the extension of university work in new and old fields, and generally as to such matters as the President brings before it." This advisory body was made up of representatives from the different faculties (originally, Law, Mines, Political Science, Philosophy and Dean of the School of the Arts). Following the events of April and May 1968, urged by students and faculty alike, the University administration began revising long-established policies to include input from other members of the University community. The University Senate effectively replaced the University Council (12 May 1890-28 May 1969) which was created to give representation to the faculties and the administration in one central body, enabling them to address the Trustees jointly rather than separately.

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## Summary

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This collection consists of the correspondence files and minutes of the University Council (1890 to 1968).

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## Administrative Information

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### Processing Information

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## Related Materials

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The most complete set of University Council minutes can be found in the [Faculty Meeting Minutes \(UA#0005\)](#).

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## Controlled Access Headings

- Columbia University -- History
- Columbia University -- Administration

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## Collection Inventory

### Series I: Correspondence

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains an incomplete set of "letter files" with the proposals and requests submitted to the University Council (1892-1917). There is also one set of correspondence, roughly organized chronologically, related the administrative matters (membership, meeting dates, previous resolutions) that belonged to the Secretary of the University Council. These letters, for the most part, belonged to William Carpenter, who served as University Council Secretary and Provost (1912-1926).

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence		
A-C, 1892-1902	box 4	folder 14
D-F, 1893-1901	box 4	folder 15

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G-I, 1895-1902	box 4	folder 16
K-M, 1894-1901	box 4	folder 17
N-S, 1894-1902	box 4	folder 18
T-Z, 1894-1901	box 4	folder 19
Correspondence		
A-B, 1902-1904	box 4	folder 20
C-H, 1901-1904	box 4	folder 21
J-O, 1901-1904	box 4	folder 22
P-S, 1901-1904	box 4	folder 23
T-Z, 1901-1904	box 4	folder 24
Correspondence		
A-E, 1905-1906	box 5	folder 1
F-K, 1905-1906	box 5	folder 2
L-R, 1905-1906	box 5	folder 3
S-Z, 1905-1906	box 5	folder 4
Correspondence		
A-D, 1906-1907	box 5	folder 5
E-J, 1906-1907	box 5	folder 6
K-P, 1906-1907	box 5	folder 7
R-Z, 1906-1907	box 5	folder 8
Correspondence		
A-E, 1911-1912	box 5	folder 9
F-J, 1909-1912	box 5	folder 10
K-N, 1911-1912	box 5	folder 11
P-Z, 1911-1912	box 5	folder 12
Correspondence		
A-D, 1913-1915	box 5	folder 13
E-J, 1909-1914	box 5	folder 14
K-O, 1912-1915	box 5	folder 15
P-Z, 1913-1917	box 5	folder 16
Correspondence		
A-D, 1914-1917	box 5	folder 17

E-J, 1914-1917	box 5	folder 18
K-N, 1914-1917	box 5	folder 19
P-Z, 1914-1917	box 5	folder 20
Secretary's Correspondence		
1903-1912	box 6	folder 1
1913-1914	box 6	folder 2
1915-1919	box 6	folder 3
1920-1924	box 6	folder 4
1929-1960	box 6	folder 5

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## Series II: Minutes

### Scope and Contents

This series contains the University Council, Executive Committee and related committee minutes. This set of minutes is not complete. The most complete set of University Council minutes can be found in the [Faculty Meeting Minutes \(UA#0005\)](#).

Title/Description	Instances	
University Council Minutes		
1890-1892	box 4	folder 1
1909-1915	box 1	folder 1
1915-1921	box 1	folder 2
1921-1925	box 1	folder 3
1925-1928	box 1	folder 4
1928-1931	box 1	folder 5
1931-1933	box 1	folder 6
1933-1935	box 1	folder 7
1935-1937	box 1	folder 8
1937-1939	box 2	folder 1
1939-1941	box 2	folder 2
1941-1943	box 2	folder 3
1943-1946	box 2	folder 4
1946-1948	box 2	folder 5

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1948-1950	box 2	folder 6
1950-1952	box 2	folder 7
1952-1954	box 2	folder 8
1954-1956	box 3	folder 1
1956-1957	box 3	folder 2
1962-1964	box 4	folder 2-3
Corrections to minutes, 1963 October	box 4	folder 13
1964-1968	box 3	folder 3
Executive Committee Minutes		
1913-1921	box 4	folder 4-5
1915-1928	box 3	folder 4
Special Action Reports, 1920-1924	box 4	folder 6-7
Special Action Reports, 1924-1927	box 4	folder 8-9
1928-1943	box 3	folder 5
1943-1952	box 3	folder 6
1952-1956	box 3	folder 7
1956-1958	box 3	folder 8
1957-1960	box 4	folder 10
Extracts taken from Minutes, published, 1907-1928	box 3	folder 9
Committee on Agenda Minutes, 1960-1961	box 4	folder 11
Committee on Conference Minutes, 1918-1940	box 4	folder 12

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