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History of the Joint Committee on Disciplinary Affairs Records

The Joint Committee on Disciplinary Affairs (JCDA), originally called the Tri-Partite Commission, was created by a resolution of the general faculty on April 28, 1968 as a result of the campus riots and protests of April 1968. The JCDA was responsible for "hearing cases on appeal from any disciplinary tribunal in Columbia University, and for general supervision of the system of tribunals. The Interim Rules, which assigns the JCDA these responsibilities, are binding upon the JCDA in its handling of both." (Box 1 Folder 7 "Enabling Documents") To fulfill this responsibility, the Committee maintained a body of seven elected faculty members, seven elected student members, and three appointed administrators for two-year terms. The Committee held its first meeting on May 1, 1968.

Biographical / Historical

One function of the JCDA was to develop the Interim Rules, which governed the University during the 1968 crisis through 1973 when the Trustees adopted the Rules of University Conduct. After many revisions, the Interim Rules were adopted by the faculty on September 12, 1968. There were additional supplements to the Rules over the next few years. The JCDA was also responsible for the creation of a Tribunal Manual guiding the JCDA and college tribunals. The Committee distributed both the Interim Rules and the Tribunal Manual to select faculty and administrators for revisions and proposals for change.

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Biographical / Historical

In order to carry out the guidelines of the Interim Rules and Tribunal Manual, the JCDA established individual college disciplinary tribunals responsible for prosecuting individuals who violated any portion of the Interim Rules. In addition to Columbia College, there were individual college tribunals for Barnard College, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Graduate Faculties and others. The JCDA oversaw these college tribunals and administered appeal requests and hearings resulting from the tribunals. The Committee charged each dean of a school or faculty body with determining the identity of their students involved in the demonstrations "and, following discussions with those students, should impose the discipline recommended." (Box 6, Folder 20 "Columbia College-General") If a student failed to meet with his/her dean, they were suspended. If a student disagreed with the disciplinary action, he/she could appeal to the JCDA.

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Biographical / Historical

On June 4, 1973, the Trustees approved the Rules of University Conduct, which superseded the Interim Rules and its supplements. In the same meeting, the Trustees ruled that the JCDA and the disciplinary tribunals were terminated and replaced by similar bodies.

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Summary

The collection consists of correspondence, drafts and approved copies of the Interim Rules and Manuals of Tribunal Procedure, individual cases with correspondence, appeals, and hearing transcripts, press releases and statements of the JCDA, bylaws, minutes, subject files, and chronological files. In 2007, with the completion of the processing of the University Protest and Activism collection (UA#0007), records were added to the JCDA collection.

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Arrangement

Arranged in nine series.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Revision Description

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Restrictions on Access

This collection is located off-site. Due to the sensitive nature of the records, these records are restricted until 2049. To request permission to use the collection, please contact the University Archivist before requesting boxes from off-site storage.

Accruals

No additions are expected.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was originally transferred to the University Archives prior to 1995. Additional materials were added in 2007 from what is now the University Protest and Activism Collection (UA#0007) and in 2018 from the University Archives Miscellaneous Collection.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Abby Lester in 2002 and by Joanna Rios in 2018. Finding aid written by Abby Lester in May 2002, re-formatted by Elizabeth Nolte (GSAS 2009) in October 2008, and updated by Joanna Rios in June 2018.

Accruals

Materials have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact uarchives@columbia.edu for more information.

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Related Materials

Selected Related Material at Columbia

Central Files, 1890-1971 (UA#0001)

Selected Related Material at Columbia

Historical Photograph Collection, 1855-2012 (UA#0003)

Selected Related Material at Columbia

Records of the Office of the President, President Andrew W. Cordier, 1923-1974 (UA#0145)

Selected Related Material at Columbia

Temple-Lilley Special Committee Records, 1968-1971 [Bulk Dates: 1968-1969] (UA#0164)

Selected Related Material at Columbia

University Protest and Activism Collection, 1958-1999 (UA#0007)

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Controlled Access Headings

- Columbia University -- Administration
- Columbia University -- Student strike, 1968
- Student-administrator relationships
- Student movements -- New York (State) -- New York
- Correspondence
- Reports
- Bylaws (administrative records)
- Case files
- College students -- Political activity -- New York (State) -- New York

Collection Inventory

Series I. Governance

Scope and Contents

Series I. Governance consists of materials regarding the establishment of the committee, elections, membership, minutes, and other related material. Some folders of minutes also have additional documents, which were handed out at meetings or correspondence relating to subjects of meetings. The folder of JCDA Authority includes a copy of the Trustees' resolution disbanding the JCDA and the college tribunals and the superceding of the Interim Rules by the Rules of University Conduct. Two folders contain reports and statistics prepared by the Subcommittee of the JCDA. The JCDA created this subcommittee at the 9 January 1970 meeting to "review its operation and procedures. The subcommittee began its work, through the medium of its secretary, by compiling a summary of the actions taken under the Interim Rules of September 12, 1968. The results of this labor may be seen in five tables accompanying" the report in the records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Bylaws, Approved, 1971	box 1	folder 1
Bylaws, Development of, 1970-1971	box 1	folder 2

Bylaws, Election Annex to, 1971	box 1	folder 3
Delegate List, 1970	box 1	folder 4
Elections, Correspondence and Reports, 1970-1972	box 1	folder 5
Elections, Fall 1968 1968, 1968, 1968	box 1	folder 6
Enabling Documents, 1968-1969	box 1	folder 7
JCDA Authority, 1968-1973	box 1	folder 8
Mailing Lists, 1968-1969	box 1	folder 9
Membership Lists and Directories, 1968-1972	box 1	folder 10
Minutes, 1968	box 1	folder 11
Minutes, 1969	box 1	folder 12
Minutes, 1970 January -May, 1970	box 1	folder 13
Minutes, 1970 June -December, 1970	box 1	folder 14
Minutes, 1971	box 1	folder 15
Minutes, 1972 January -September, 1972	box 1	folder 16
Minutes, 1972 October -November, 1972	box 1	folder 17
Minutes, 1972 December, 1972	box 1	folder 18
Minutes, 1973 February, 1973	box 1	folder 19
Minutes, 1973 March-April, 1973	box 1	folder 20
Minutes on the 25 Man Rule, 1970-1971	box 1	folder 21
Room and Space Utilization, 1968-1972	box 1	folder 22
Search Committee for Tribunal Legal Officer, 1971	box 1	folder 23
Subcommittee Study of Discipline System, 1968	box 1	folder 24
Subcommittee Work and Statistics, 1969-1972	box 1	folder 25
Trustees, 1968-1969	box 1	folder 26

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Series II. Interim Rules

Scope and Contents

Series II. Interim Rules contains the various drafts of the Interim Rules as well as the proposed revisions to the Rules by faculty and administrators. This series also includes a distribution list, containing the names of the individuals to whom the Committee sent drafts and an index to the rules.

Title/Descriptio	n
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Instances

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Distribution List, 1969	box 1	folder 27
Index, 1972	box 1	folder 28
Legal Case References Found In, 1967	box 1	folder 29
Proposed Revisions by Prof. Reinmuth, 1968-1969	box 1	folder 30
Proposed Revisions to, 1968-1972	box 2	folder 1
Replies from Faculty to Proposal, 1968-1969	box 2	folder 2
Replies from Faculty to August 8 Proposal, 1968	box 2	folder 3
Versions, 1968-1971	box 2	folder 4
Working Paper, 1968	box 2	folder 5

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Series III. Tribunal Manual

Scope and Contents

Series III. Tribunal Manual contains drafts of the "Manual for Tribunal Procedure" and "Setting Up a Disciplinary Tribunal" and proposed revisions by faculty and administrators. Also includes notes and transcripts from hearings regarding the revision of the manual.

Title/Description	Instances	
Proposed Revisions, 1970	box 2	folder 6
Proposed Revisions, 1971-1972	box 2	folder 7
Revision Hearings, 1972-1973	box 2	folder 8
1970 Version, 1970, 1970, 1970	box 2	folder 9
1972 Version, 1972, 1972, 1972	box 2	folder 10

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Series IV. Correspondence

Scope and Contents

Series IV. Correspondence consists of the correspondence of various University faculty and administrators involved with the Committee as well as folders of correspondence with committee members and the University Senate. The folder of general correspondence contains correspondence with the Office of the Registrar regarding noting suspensions on official student transcripts. The folder titles in this series have not been altered.

Title/Description	Instances	
Quentin Anderson, 1968-1970	box 2	folder 11
Committee Members, 1968-1973	box 2	folder 12

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President Cordier, 1968-1970	box 2	folder 13	
Discipline of Faculty, 1968-1971	box 2	folder 14	
General, 1968-1973	box 2	folder 15	
Serge Lang, 1968	box 2	folder 16	
President McGill, 1971-1973	box 2	folder 17	
Peripheral, 1968-1972	box 2	folder 18	
Tribunal Legal Officer, 1968-1972	box 2	folder 19	
David Truman, 1968	box 2	folder 20	
University Senate, 1969-1970	box 2	folder 21	
University Senate, 1971-1972	box 2	folder 22	

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Series V. Statements and Press Releases

Scope and Contents

Series V. Statements and Press Releases contains press releases and statements mostly by the JCDA, but also from the Office of Public Information. There is one entire file of press releases from the Office of Public Information released during the riots and protests in the spring of 1968. The series also includes public statistical reports on the disciplinary system.

Title/Description	Instances	
Press Releases, 1967-1970	box 2	folder 23
Press Releases on "Crisis", 1968	box 3	folder 1
Statements, 1968-1972	box 3	folder 2
Chairman's Statement, 1968	box 3	folder 3
Statistical Report on Disciplinary System, 1970	box 3	folder 4

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Series VI. Individual Cases

Scope and Contents

Series VI. Individual Cases comprises the bulk of the collection and documents the appeals and tribunal hearings of various individual students charged with violating the Interim Rules. This includes correspondence between students, counsel, and University administrators. Within individual appeal files is correspondence relating to the organization and efficiency of the tribunal. There are letters from faculty, administrators, counsel, and students who agree or disagree with the process in regard to a particular appeal, but also have broader context. Some appeal folders for individual cases include

transcripts of appeal hearings and the original college tribunal hearings. Individual cases are arranged alphabetically by the student's last name.

Title/Description	Instances	
Appeals and Complaints, General, 1969-1971	box 3	folder 5
Appeals, Interdivisional, 1969	box 3	folder 6
Appeals, Summary Reports, 1968-1970	box 3	folder 7
Decision and Summary Booklets, 1970	box 3	folder 8
Tribunal Master Lists, 1968-1972	box 3	folder 9
Worksheets for Tribunal Study, 1968-1971	box 3	folder 10
Student files	box 3	folder 11-30
Student files	box 4	
Student files	box 5	
Student files	box 6	folder 1-13

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Series VII. College Tribunals

Scope and Contents

Series VII. College Tribunals contains the correspondence, reports, and cases of each individual college or school disciplinary tribunal. These college tribunals held the initial student hearings for the violation of the Interim Rules. The folders of Columbia College cases include some correspondence with President Cordier indicating the ineffectiveness of the college level tribunals. Also includes a critique of the tribunal by Ralph Allemano, chairman of the Columbia College tribunal from February 1969 to March 1970. The folder of "College Tribunals-General" contains statistics and lists of cases pending or closed from the various school tribunals.

Title/Description	Instances	
General, 1968-1970	box 6	folder 14
Procedure and Structure for Tribunal Hearings, 1968-1970	box 6	folder 15
School of Architecture, 1968	box 6	folder 16
School of the Arts, 1968-1969	box 6	folder 17
Barnard Judicial Council, 1972	box 6	folder 18
Columbia College, General, 1968-1972	box 6	folder 19
Columbia College Cases, 1968	box 6	folder 20
Columbia College Cases, 1969-1970	box 6	folder 21
Columbia College Cases, 1972-1973	box 6	folder 22
School of Engineering, 1968-1972	box 6	folder 23

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General Studies, 1968-1973	box 6	folder 24
Graduate Faculties, General, 1968-1973	box 6	folder 25
Graduate Faculties, Philosophy, 1968-1969	box 6	folder 26
Graduate Faculties, Political Science, 1968-1969	box 6	folder 27
Graduate Faculties, Pure Science, 1968-1970	box 6	folder 28
School of International Affairs, 1968-1972	box 6	folder 29
School of Journalism, 1969	box 6	folder 30
School of Library Service, 1972	box 6	folder 31
College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1968-1970	box 6	folder 32
School of Social Work, 1969-1970	box 6	folder 33

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Series VIII. Assorted Materials

Scope and Contents

Series VIII. Assorted Materials consists of the JCDA's subject files, chronological files, and miscellaneous materials. The series is divided into three sub-series: Subseries 1. Miscellaneous, Subseries 2. Subject Files, and Subseries 3. Chronological files.

Subseries VIII.1. Miscellaneous

Scope and Contents

Subseries 1. Miscellaneous contains published materials, blank forms and other items.

Title/Description	Instances	Instances	
25 Man Rule, 1970-1971	box 6	folder 34	
Appellant Information Sheets (unused), undated	box 6	folder 35	
Criminal Action, 1972	box 6	folder 36	
Executive Committee of the Faculty, 1968	box 6	folder 37	
Faculty Response, 1968	box 6	folder 38	
Injunctions, 1969-1970	box 6	folder 39	

Subseries VIII.2. Subject Files

Scope and Contents

Subseries 2. Subject Files were maintained as a group of informative material on various subjects directly or indirectly relating to the Committee's work. For example, the subject files have a folder of minutes of the University Committee on Rules of Conduct. These are records of another committee, but copies were kept by the JCDA for reference purposes. Of particular significance is the Deane and

Connor Paper on Discipline written by Herbert A. Deane, vice provost for academic planning, and James E. Connor, assistant professor of government. The working paper evaluated the disciplinary system created by the University after the 1968 protests. The Students for a Restructured University (SRU) have a response to this paper in the subject files, as well. The 25 Man Rule documents part of the discussion and controversy over the rule. The rule revolved around the number of spectators allowed at tribunal hearings. The 25 Man Rule would allow a maximum of 25 spectators at any given hearing. For more information on the 25 Man Rule see Series I. Governance for minutes relating to the Rule. The folder of the "Temple Committee Reports" documents some of the work done by the Temple Committee, a Special Committee of the Trustees of Columbia University, established by the Trustees on May 1, 1968 in order to "study and recommend changes in the basic structure of the University." The Committee was named after its chairman Alan H. Temple.

tle/Description	Instances	
Alumni Response, 1968	box 6	folder 40
Booklet of Important Documentation, 1968-1972	box 7	folder 1
Charters and Statutes, 1970	box 7	folder 2
"Columbia University in Crisis" by A.G. Hart, 1968	box 7	folder 3
Cox Commission, Quentin Anderson Testimony, undated	box 7	folder 4
Deane and Connor Paper on Discipline, 1968	box 7	folder 5
Deane and Connor Paper, SRU Response to, undated	box 7	folder 6
Discipline at Other Universities, 1968	box 7	folder 7
Education Protest Legislation, 1969	box 7	folder 8
Graduate Student Union Paper on Discipline, 1968	box 7	folder 9
Independent Faculty Group Memorandum, 1968	box 7	folder 10
Report of the Columbia University Committee on Relations with Outside Agencies (Henkin Report),, 1968	box 7	folder 11
Rules of Conduct (never promulgated), 1969	box 7	folder 12
Status of University Discipline, Reports, 1968-1969	box 7	folder 13
Student Council, 1964	box 7	folder 14
Student Life Report, 1967	box 7	folder 15
Student Organizations, 1969	box 7	folder 16
Students for A Restructured University (SRU) Petition, 1968	box 7	folder 17
Temple Committee Reports, 1968-1969	box 7	folder 18
Tribunal Letters, Samples, 1972	box 7	folder 19
University Committee on Rules of Conduct, Liss Report, undated	box 7	folder 20
University Committee on Rules of Conduct, Minutes, 1968-1969	box 7	folder 21

University Senate Bulletins and Documents, 1969-1970	box 7	folder 22	
University Senate, Proposal For, 1968-1969	box 7	folder 23	
"Who Rules Columbia?", 1968	box 7	folder 24	

Subseries VIII.3. Chronological Files

Scope and Contents

Subseries 3. Chronological Files appear to have been created by the JCDA administrative assistant who compiled all of the important correspondence and documentation for a given time period and bound it together chronologically for reference use. Therefore, the material in the chronological files is mostly duplicate material found in other areas of the records.

Title/Description	Instances	
Chronological Files Copy 1, 1968-1970	box 7	folder 25
Chronological Files Copy 2, 1968-1970	box 7	folder 26
Chronological Files Copy 1, 1970 July -1971 July, 1970	box 7	folder 27
Chronological Files Copy 2, 1970 July -1971 July, 1970	box 7	folder 28
Chronological Files, 1971 July -1972 July, 1971	box 7	folder 29
Chronological Files, 1972 July -1973 May, 1972	box 7	folder 30

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Series IX. Additions

Scope and Contents

Series IX. Additions contains materials found during and after the processing of the University Protest and Activism Collection (UA#0007). These records include the Faculty of Political Science JCDA election materials and two sets of personal papers. The first set of personal papers belonged to English and Comparative Literature professor and the first chair of the JCDA, Professor Quentin Anderson. His records document the creation of the Interim Rules and University reform. The second set of papers belonged to Douglass Hunt, who served first as the Vice President for Finance and then as Deputy to the President for Governmental Affairs. Hunt acted as the prosecutor for the University at the tribunals for students accused of violating the Interim Rules during the demonstrations in the spring of 1972. The majority of the folders contain student case files, with handwritten notes, copies of correspondence and photographs used for identifying the students participating in the demonstrations.

Title/Description	Instances	
JCDA Election, Faculty of Political Science		
JCDA Election ballots, 1968 November, 1968	box 10	folder 1
JCDA Election ballot envelopes, 1968 November, 1968	box 10	folder 2
Quentin Anderson records		
Discussion draft of recommendations for Interim Rules, 1968	box 10	folder 3

Comments on "Discussion draft", 1968 August - September, 1968	box 10	folder 4
Classroom disruptions and disciplinary proceedings, 1968 November -1969 June, 1968	box 10	folder 5
Department of English and Comparative Literature schedule of classes during crisis,, 1968	box 10	folder 6
Justice Frankel's decision, 1968 July, 1968	box 10	folder 7
Executive Committee of the Faculty, 1968 May -1969 March, 1968	box 10	folder 8
Faculty of Columbia College, 1963-1969	box 10	folder 9
Albert G. Hart, proposal for academic disciplinary penalty, 1968 August, 1968	box 10	folder 10
Independent Faculty Group, 1968	box 10	folder 11
Interim Rules, 1968 August -September, 1968	box 10	folder 12
Interim Rules comments and changes, 1969	box 10	folder 13
Interim Rules administration changes, 1969	box 10	folder 14
Report of the Joint College Commission, 1968 October, 1968	box 10	folder 15
JCDA		
Announcements and statements, 1968-1969	box 10	folder 16
Correspondence, 1968-1969	box 10	folder 17
Membership lists, 1968-1969	box 10	folder 18
Minutes, 1968-1969	box 10	folder 19
Resolution amendments, 1968	box 10	folder 20
Howard N. Meyer, affirmation to the Cox Commission, 1968	box 10	folder 21
Miscellaneous flyers and announcements, 1968-1969	box 10	folder 22
University's plea for leniency for student trespassers, 1968 October, 1968	box 10	folder 23
Position paper on discipline and justice at Columbia University, 1968 June, 1968	box 10	folder 24
W. Reimuth, comments on disciplinary rules and procedures, 1969	box 10	folder 25
Resolution adopted by the Faculty, 1968 September, 1968	box 10	folder 26
The Sixty Bad Boys, 1968	box 10	folder 27
Status of University discipline reports, 1968-1969	box 10	folder 28

Students for a Restructured University (SRU), 1968	box 10	folder 29
Kevin Sullivan correspondence, 1968	box 10	folder 30
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University Committee on Rules of Conduct, 1969 April, 1969	box 10	folder 31
University reform		
Faculty organization, 1968 September, 1968	box 10	folder 32
Draft memoranda on discipline, 1968 July, 1968	box 10	folder 33
The future role of students and additions, 1968	box 10	folder 34
University restructuring, 1968	box 10	folder 35
Vietnam war protests, 1970	box 10	folder 36
Douglass Hunt papers		
Columbia College Tribunal Notes, 1972-1973	box 8	folder 1
General Studies Tribunal, 1972-1973	box 8	folder 2
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Tribunal, 1972-1973	box 8	folder 3
Student files	box 8	folder 4-54
University Senate Disruptions, Witness Statements, 1972-1973	box 8	folder 55-56
Witnessed but not Prosecuted, 1972	box 9	folder 1
Status Reports, Disciplinary Tribunal, 1972-1973	box 9	folder 2-3
Internal Memoranda and Correspondence, Campus Protests, 1972-1973	box 9	folder 4-8
Rules and Manual, 1972	box 9	folder 9
Student appeal files	box 9	folder 10-22

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