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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1921-1972

### Language

English

### Creator

College of William and Mary. Women Students' Cooperative Government Association

### Extent

2.50 Linear Feet

### Repository

Special Collections Research Center

## Administrative Information

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### **Acquisition Information:**

Acc. 1979.018 received 12/01/1958 from Dean J. Wilfred Lambert and originally accessioned with the Manuscripts number 1958.59; Acc. 1982.058 received 8/18/1982; Acc. 1983.95 received 10/15/1956, 1959-1960 from Janice Fisher, Chair; Acc. 1985.24 received 3/25/1985.

### **Processing Information:**

This collection was previously arranged by accession by SCRC staff. In November 2009, Lily Rubino, SCRC staff, rehoused and provided additional descriptive information for the collection.

### **Preferred Citation:**

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## **Historical Note:**

In 1921, three years after the College of William and Mary turned coeducational, female students formed their own elected student government and called it the Women Students' Cooperative Government Association. The WSCGA formulated rules of conduct concerning social behavior of female students. To enforce its rules, the WSCGA created an elected Judicial Council. Consisting of a chair or president and several associate members, the Judicial Council had the power to summon female students and try them for alleged violations of the WSCGA code. The hearings were conducted in secret and the rules of procedure were unlike a court of law.

Additional information may be available in the SCRC Wiki:

[http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Women\\_Students%27\\_Cooperative\\_Government\\_Association](http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Women_Students%27_Cooperative_Government_Association) .

## **Scope and Contents**

The collection includes meeting minutes, decisions, handbooks, announcements, constitutions, Women's Dorm Association Handbooks, The W&M Woman, A Handbook for Women Students published by the Women's Activities Council for 1966/67, and other related material.

One volume of minutes of meetings of the WSCGA Judicial Council for 1935-1949 (Acc. 1982.057), which would otherwise have been restricted, had the names of individuals excised to protect their privacy while still making the information available to researchers. Because time and expense proved prohibitive, the University Archives at the time of accessioning elected to make accessible a random sample of meeting minutes. Thirty-three meetings (roughly 10%) were chosen at random and are available. The more than 100 cases tried at these meetings cover a wide range of offenses and punishments.

Restricted: Acc. 1979.018: One volume containing minutes of meetings of the WSCGA Judicial Council, 1927-1935. This portion of the collection is restricted.

## **Separated Materials:**

Acc. 1982.057: One volume of minutes of meetings of the WSCGA Judicial Council, 1935-1949. There are no gaps in the Judicial Council records for these years. The minutes contain transcripts of testimony and record the actions taken by the Judicial Council. These records possess considerable historical value. However, balanced against the interest of researchers is the right of privacy of the individuals, especially defendants, who appear in the records. The University Archives resolved this conflict with a compromise at the time of accessioning. Acc. 1982.058 consists of minutes from meetings of the Judicial Council, with the names of individuals excised. Because time and expense proved prohibitive, the University Archives elected to make accessible a random sample of meeting minutes. Thirty-three meetings (roughly 10%) were chosen at

random and are present in these folders. The more than 100 cases tried at these meetings cover a wide range of offenses and punishments.

## Keywords

Handbooks

Minutes

Transcripts

Student Government--Women Students' Cooperative Government Association

Student Rules--Women

Women college students

## Accruals:

No future accruals expected.

## Appraisal Information:

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## Custodial History:

A portion of this collection was previously part of the University Archives Publications Collection.

## Physical Characteristics or Technical Requirements:

Some of this collection is stored offsite. Please consult staff for assistance.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Box 1

**Unit ID** id63329

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345288

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

### Meeting Minutes

**Unit ID** id63331

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345294

**Unit Date** 1921-1936

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acc. 1983.95

**Meeting Minutes**

**Unit ID** id63340

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345295

**Unit Date** 1936-1954

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acc. 1983.95

**Executive Council Minutes**

**Unit ID** id63341

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345296

**Unit Date** 1927-1938

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acc. 1983.95

**Meeting Minutes**

**Unit ID** id63342

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345297

**Unit Date** 1944 May 3

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (Folder)

**Box 2**

**Unit ID** id63343

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345289

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Women's Honor Council Decision**

**Unit ID** id63344

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345298

**Unit Date** 1922

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acc. 1985.24: The decision of the Women's Student Government Association Honor Council in a cheating case and the student's test, which was being questioned.

**Random Sample of Meetings of the Judicial Council**

**Unit ID** id63345

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345299

**Unit Date** 1936-1939

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Acc. 1982.58

**Random Sample of Meetings of the Judicial Council****Unit ID** id63346**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345300**Unit Date** 1939-1943**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Acc. 1982.58

**Random Sample of Meetings of the Judicial Council****Unit ID** id63347**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345301**Unit Date** 1943-1949**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Acc. 1982.58

**Constitution****Unit ID** id63348**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345302**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Announcements****Unit ID** id63349**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345303**Unit Date** 1923-1924, 1935-1936**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 6 (Folder)**Women's Dormitory Association Announcements****Unit ID** id63350**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345304**Unit Date** 1969-1970**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 7 (Folder)**Miscellaneous****Unit ID** id63351**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345305**Unit Date** 1927-1949**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)**Container** 8 (Folder)**Scope and Contents**

Elections, May Day Invitations, Duc Week Rules.

## **Women's Dormitory Association Guidelines for Freshman Counselors**

**Unit ID** id63352

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345306

**Unit Date** 1968

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 9 (Folder)

### **Handbooks**

**Unit ID** id63353

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345307

**Unit Date** 1923/1924-1927/1928

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 10 (Folder)

### **Handbooks**

**Unit ID** id63354

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345308

**Unit Date** 1928/1929-1934/1935

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 11 (Folder)

## **Box 3**

**Unit ID** id63355

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345290

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

### **Handbooks**

**Unit ID** id63356

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345309

**Unit Date** 1936/1937-1940/1941

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

### **Handbooks**

**Unit ID** id63357

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345310

**Unit Date** 1941/1942-1946/1947

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 2 (Folder)

### **Handbooks**

**Unit ID** id63358

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345311

**Unit Date** 1947/1948-1950/1951

**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)

**Container** 3 (Folder)

**Handbooks****Unit ID** id63359**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345312**Unit Date** 1951-1954/1955**Mixed Materials** 3 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Box 4****Unit ID** id63360**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345291**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Handbooks****Unit ID** id63361**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345313**Unit Date** 1955-1957/1958**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 1 (Folder)**Handbooks****Unit ID** id63362**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345314**Unit Date** 1958-1962/1963**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 2 (Folder)**Handbooks****Unit ID** id63363**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345315**Unit Date** 1965/1966-1967/1968**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 3 (Folder)**Handbooks****Unit ID** id63364**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345316**Unit Date** 1968/1969-1969/1970**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 4 (Folder)**Handbooks: Summer Session****Unit ID** id63365**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345317**Unit Date** 1963-1972**Mixed Materials** 4 (Box)**Container** 5 (Folder)**Box 5****Unit ID** id63550**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345292**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Judicial Council Minutes**

**Unit ID** id63551

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345318

**Unit Date** 1927-1935

**Mixed Materials** 5 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Restricted. Acc. 1979.18

**Box 6**

**Unit ID** id63552

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345293

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Judicial Council Minutes**

**Unit ID** id63553

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/345319

**Unit Date** 1935-1949

**Mixed Materials** 6 (Box)

**Container** 1 (Folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Restricted. Acc. 1982.57