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Abstract: Ronald W. Batchelder is a Professor of Economics at Pepperdine University, as well as an involved member of many Pepperdine faculty organizations. The collection consists of correspondence, minutes, notes, memorandums, reports, handbooks and calendars mostly related to faculty issues and organizations at Pepperdine and Seaver College, including the University Faculty Council, Seaver Faculty Association, and the Social Sciences Division within Seaver College. The collection spans from 1986 to 2009.

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Materials were transferred to the University Archives in 2011 by Ronald W. Batchelder.

Biographical note
Ronald W. Batchelder is a Professor of Economics at Pepperdine University. He received his BA in Economics from UC Berkeley, and his PhD in Economics from UCLA. During his career at Pepperdine, Batchelder has also been heavily involved in the Seaver Faculty Association.

The Seaver Faculty Association (SFA) was voted into existence in 1995, as a new incarnation of its predecessor, the Faculty Organization of Seaver College (FOSC). The purpose of SFA is to provide a forum where faculty members can discuss academic and professional matters, communicate as a single body with the Pepperdine administration, and become more involved in the governance of Seaver College. The University Faculty Council (UFC) is a similar organization founded in 2001, that contains members from all of Pepperdine's five schools and serves to provide a broader voice in order to achieve university-wide faculty goals.

Scope and Content
The collection includes correspondence, meeting minutes, memorandums, proposals, reports, calendars, and notes related to faculty issues and concerns at Pepperdine University. Most of the material is related to the Seaver Faculty Association (SFA) and the work of its committees, which includes discussions of faculty salaries, benefits, and revisions to faculty handbooks. Before 1995, the SFA was known as the Faculty Organization of Seaver College (FOSC).

A smaller amount of materials in the collection relate to the operation of the University Faculty Council, as well as the Social Sciences Division of Seaver College. Also included in the collection are a small number of faculty handbooks.

Arrangement
The collection is organized in the following series: 1. Seaver Faculty Association; 2. Seaver Faculty Handbooks; 3. Seaver Social Sciences Division; and 4. University Faculty Council. Materials within each series are organized chronologically.

Processing Information note
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Handbooks, manuals, etc.
Universities and colleges -- California -- Malibu -- History
Memorandums
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The series contains correspondence, meeting minutes, notes, reports, proposals, memorandums, and calendars produced by the Seaver Faculty Association (SFA) and its various committees regarding faculty issues such as tenure, salaries, benefits, faculty handbooks, faculty retreats and general operations of the SFA. While the name and number of committees in SFA varies over time, committees with materials in the series include the Executive Committee, Rank, Tenure and Promotion, Stipends/Benefits, Faculty Advisory, General Education, Academic Affairs, and the Dean Search Committee formed in 2008. Also included are materials from the Faculty Organization of Seaver College (FOSC), which was the faculty group that preceded the SFA before its establishment in 1995.

Series 2: Seaver Faculty Handbooks 1989, 2004-2006
Scope and Content
The series contains correspondence, drafts, proposals and notes spanning from 2004 to 2006 related to revising the Seaver faculty handbook, as well as the Seaver Faculty Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) book. Also included are final copies of the 2006 Seaver Faculty FAQ book, and the Seaver Faculty Handbook from September, 1989.

Series 3: Seaver Social Sciences Division 1995-1998
Scope and Content
The series contains materials related to Batchelder’s academic department at Pepperdine, the Seaver College Social Sciences Division. Materials include correspondence and procedures regarding the search for a new chair of the division in 1995; correspondence, proposals, notes, and meeting minutes from 1995 to 1996 regarding the establishment of an International Studies division at Seaver College; and memos written by Batchelder from 1997 to 1998 to Dean of Academic Affairs Donald Thompson, regarding Seaver’s Strategic Plan and the report, Opportunities for Liberal Learning in the 21st Century.

University Faculty Council Series 4: 2004-2008
Scope and Content
The series contains correspondence, minutes, reports, policy manuals, and articles related to the operation of the University Faculty Council. The materials, which span from 2004 to 2008, include discussions of university wide faculty issues such as Pepperdine’s Code of Ethics, Institutional Review Boards, Faculty Handbooks, and University policies.