Inventory of the California State Joint Committee for Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education Records

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Descriptive Summary

Title: California State Joint Committee for Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education Records

Dates: 1984-1989

Collection number: LP422

Creator: Joint Committee for Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education Records

Collection Size: 7 cubic feet

Repository: California State Archives
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Abstract: The records of the Joint Committee for Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education contain 7 cubic feet of Hearing Files (1985-1989) and Subject Files (1984-1988). The Master Plan for Higher Education was established by the Legislature in 1959 in order to assign missions to each of the public higher education segments and recommended admission eligibility for each segment. Currently, the Legislature first creates a commission to review the existing Master Plan and make recommendations. The Joint Committee was created for the purpose of reviewing the reports of the Commission on the Master Plan for Higher Education to oversee the Commission's progress with the intent that higher education remain accessible, affordable, accountable, and of high quality.

Physical location: California State Archives

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition History
The California State Archives acquired the Joint Committee for Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education records according to state law.

The researcher should be aware that, due to the roughly decennial nature of this joint committee, there exist multiple collections at the Archives which have similar or identical names. However, the records of the collection described in this inventory pertain only to the time period of 1984-1989.

Committee History
In 1959, the California legislature created a Master Plan for Higher Education. The original plan assigned missions to each of the public higher education segments (the University of California, California State University, and California Community Colleges systems), recommended admission eligibility for each segment, and stated its "intent that higher education remain accessible, affordable, of high quality, and accountable" (Legislative Analyst's Office, 2009, The Master Plan at 50, http://www.lao.ca.gov/2009/edu/master_plan_intro/master_plan_intro_111209.aspx ). While much of the original plan was codified through the Donahoe Higher Education Act of 1960, the plan, and its subsequent reviews, remains a working set of ideas and guidelines, rather than formal law. Section 66012 of the Education Code provides for the review of the Master Plan for higher education at ten-year intervals. The Legislature first creates a commission to review the existing Master Plan and make recommendations. Then, it creates a joint committee to implement its own review and to oversee the commission's progress.

Accordingly, Resolution Chapter 175 (ACR162) of 1984 directed the Legislature to establish a Joint Committee for the purpose of reviewing the reports of the Commission on the Master Plan for Higher Education (Chapter 1507, Statutes of 1984). The Joint Committee for Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education was authorized to act through June 1987, though their final report would not be completed until 1990. Both the Commission and Committee were instructed to first submit reports on community colleges and then conduct a review of the overall Master Plan. The Committee held hearings and conferences throughout the state between 1985 and 1987 to consider the input of education leaders (from both the public and private sectors), students, scholars, and the public at large. The recommendations of the Committee's first report, Building California’s Community Colleges, became the foundation of AB1725 (Chapter 973, Statutes of 1988), a bill that made substantial changes to the community college system. The report on the Master Plan was titled California’s Faces...California’s Future: Education for Citizenship in a Multicultural Democracy.

The eighteen-member bi-partisan joint committee included nine members each from the Assembly and the Senate. Assembly members were: John Vasconcellos (chair, Dem.), Doris Allen, Charles Bader, Sam Farr, Tom Hayden, Teresa Hughes, Phillip Isenberg, Bill Leonard (later replaced by Chris Chandler), and Tom McClintock. The Senate members were: Gary Hart (vice-chair, Dem.), Marian Bergeson, Bill Greene, Joseph Montoya, Rebecca Morgan, Jim Nielsen, John Seymour, Walter Stiern (later replaced by Nicholas Petris), and Art Torres.

**Scope and Content**


The hearing files document the meetings, both public and closed, of the various committee task forces as well as the full committee. These hearings were held throughout the state of California between 1985 and 1989, primarily at college and university campuses. While many hearings were not formally titled, most meetings focused on issues surrounding community colleges or the drafting of both reports.

The Subject Files comprise the bulk of the collection and contain information on a variety of topics relevant to the committee. The files include additional information on hearings or conferences, material related to legislation, or documents related to committee administration. These files deal with a multitude of topics including California Community Colleges (CCC), California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC), California State University (CSU), Commission for Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education, demographics, minorities, and the University of California (UC).

**Indexing Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Joint Committee for Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education
California Community Colleges
California State University
Universities and colleges Admission

**Related Collections at the California State Archives**

Commission on Review of Master Plan for Higher Education
Assembly Subcommittee on Higher Education
Assembly Education Committee
Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education
Senate Education Committee
California Postsecondary Education Committee
John Vasconcellos Papers
Tom Hayden Papers
Oral Histories
Hart, Gary K., Oral History Interview, 2000, Conducted by Christopher J. Castaneda, Center for California Studies, California State University, Sacramento, for the California State Government Oral History Program

LP422:1-51 Series 1 Hearing Files 1985-1989

Physical Description: 51 file folders
Arrangement
Hearing files are arranged chronologically by date of hearing.
Scope and Content Note
Hearing files may include agendas, transcripts, precedent and other background material, correspondence, and relevant news clippings. Some notable hearing topics include access and success of minorities, remediation and matriculation, vocational technology, admission and transfer policies, research and public service, and undergraduate education. Many hearings also pertain to the drafting and amending of the committee's two reports. Audiotapes have been removed to cold storage and separation sheets are included within the file folders to indicate this.
Please see Appendix A for a chronological listing of hearing files.

LP422:52-279 Series 2 Subject Files 1984-1988

Physical Description: 228 file folders
Arrangement
Subject files are arranged alphabetically by subject heading.
Scope and Content Note
Subject Files contain information on a variety of topics relevant to the committee. The subjects may contain additional information on a hearing or conference, material related to legislation, or documents related to committee administration. The files include news clippings, memoranda, legal precedent, reports, background, and correspondence. The researcher should note that, while the date of creation for this series is from 1970 to 1990, the approximate dates of record-keeping are from 1984 to 1988. Significant topics include community colleges, conferences, and minorities.
Please see Appendix B for an alphabetical listing of subject headings.