
Guide to the University of California, Irvine, School of Humanities records AS.069

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Abstract: This collection comprises records from the School of Humanities at the University of California, Irvine from 1965 until 2001. The records include meeting minutes of the Humanities Cabinet, the Humanities Executive Committee, and the faculty; and material relating to the Humanities Studio (formerly known as the Language Lab and Humanities Instructional Resource Center), which include newsletters, correspondence, planning documents, annual reports, documentation on grant funded projects, press clippings and publicity, teaching materials, administrative files, and digital media.

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Acquisition Information

Transferred from the School of Humanities, 1988. Additional material from the Language Lab and Humanities Instructional Resource Center was transferred by Judi Franz in 2019.

Processing History

Processed by Audrey Pearson, 2007. Updates to the collection title (formerly University of California, Irvine, School of Humanities meeting minutes) and addition of 2019 accrual by Sarah Glover, 2019.

Historical Background

The Division of Humanities at the University of California, Irvine was founded in 1965 and was one of five liberal arts divisions when the campus opened. Samuel McCulloch, the founding dean of Humanities, was appointed in 1963 and created four departments that would serve as the foundational core of the Division: English and Comparative Literature, Foreign Languages and Literature, History, and Philosophy. Classics was later added as its fifth department under the direction of Professor Theodore F. Brunner. Under Dean McCulloch, the division also enrolled its first graduate students to its M.F.A. Programs in Writing.

By 1967, the Regents of the University of California turned the five original liberal arts divisions into individual schools within the university, and the Division of Humanities became the School of Humanities. This was the first structure of its kind among all of the UC campuses. Dean McCulloch served as dean until 1969 and was succeeded by Hazard Adams in 1970.

In the early 1970s, the School of Humanities launched a doctorate in Critical Theory, making UC Irvine the only university in the country to offer a doctorate in that field. The Humanities Core Course was also implemented in 1970. Dean Adams was succeeded by William Lillyman from 1974-1982 and Kendall Bailes from 1982-1985. In the 1980s, Dean Bailes was instrumental in the founding of the Organized Research Unit in Critical Theory and in bringing the system wide University of California Humanities Research Institute to UC Irvine. Also during the 1980s, the East Asian Languages and Literature department (presently the Department of East Asian Studies) was established. Pauline Yu also joined UC Irvine in 1989 as founding chair and a leading Chinese poetry scholar.

Terrence Parsons became dean from 1985-1991, followed by Spencer Olin from 1991-1996, and Karen Lawrence from 1998-2007. The 1990s and 2000s were marked by expansion and growth for the School of Humanities. Two new buildings completed the Humanities quad: Humanities Instructional Building and Humanities Gateway. The Samuel Jordan Center for Persian Studies and Culture was founded in 2006, one of the first centers of its kind.

Vicki Ruiz became dean from 2008-2012, followed by Georges Van Den Abbeele from 2013-2018, and Tyrus Miller from 2018 to present. The School continues to expand in its academic scholarship having added special programs such as Religious Studies and Armenian Studies, and also creating cross-collaboration among different schools on campus such as Global Cultures, Medical Humanities, Shakespeare, Humanities and Law and more.

1963-1969 Samuel McCulloch becomes founding Dean

1965 Division of Humanities was one of five liberal arts divisions when UC Irvine's campus opened
1967 Division of Humanities became the School of Humanities
1970-1972 Hazard Adams becomes the 2nd Dean
Early 1970s Launched a doctorate in Critical Theory and the Humanities Core Course
1974-1982 William Lillyman becomes the 3rd Dean
1982-1985 Kendall Bailes becomes the 4th Dean
1985-1991 Terrence Parsons becomes the 5th Dean
1992-1996 Spencer Olin becomes the 6th Dean
1998-2007 Karen Lawrence becomes the 7th Dean
2008-2012 Vicki Ruiz becomes the 8th Dean
2013-2018 Georges Van Der Abbeele becomes the 9th Dean
2018-present Tyrus Miller becomes the 10th Dean

Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Scope and Content Note

This accretion contains copies of "Technology in the Humanities" newsletter ranging from 1998-2001; 1 folder of internal correspondence related to space needs, events at the LLRC, satellite TV services, projects, and budget from 1989; 1 folder of budget and plans for a 1975 renovation of the language laboratory; 1 folder of annual reports for the Language Lab, ranging from 1969-1991 (not all years represented); 1 folder of documentation from a Native Tutorial Project funded by CID grants in 1991-1992; 1 folder of minutes from LLRC Policy Committee meetings 1979-1989 (not all years represented); 1 folder of press clippings and publicity documents from 1984-1992 (not all years represented); 1 folder from "Tape History Files" that documents audio cassette tapes that were checked out to language students. 1982-1990; 1 folder with documents from Foreign Language Teachers Workshop series that ran for several years, 1989-1994; 2 folders related to CID grants, 1982-1997; 4 CDs of a Master's project demonstrating the Natural Approach to language teaching, which was developed by UCI faculty and very widely adopted in the 1980s/90s; and 1 folder of administrative files, 1968-1993.

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