Association of Faculty Women Records
1.5 linear feet (3 MB)
1935-1971

Finding aid written by Casey Westerman on July 2, 2013.

Accession Number: WSR000559

Creator: Wayne State University. Association of Faculty Women.

Acquisition: Donated to the Reuther Library in 1962 and 1983.

Language: Material entirely in English.

Access: Collection is open for research.

Use: Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library Rules for Use of Archival Materials.

Restrictions: Researchers may encounter records of a sensitive nature – personnel files, case records and those involving investigations, legal and other private matters. Privacy laws and restrictions imposed by the Library prohibit the use of names and other personal information which might identify an individual, except with written permission from the Director and/or the donor.

Notes: Citation style: “Association of Faculty Women Records, Box [#], Folder [#], University Archives, Wayne State University.”

Abstract

The Association of Faculty Women was composed of female employees of Wayne State University in instructional or administrative positions. Its stated purpose was "to encourage membership of qualified faculty women to appointive and elective positions and responsibilities in the University and in the community; to promote the educational and professional welfare of all women, both staff and students, on the University Campus; and to enrich the educational and professional interests of faculty women."

The Faculty Women's Club of Wayne University was founded in January of 1935 by female faculty members of Wayne University. The organization's constitution initially stated that its purpose was "to promote the interests of all women on the campus and especially to forward the social life and professional interests of the women of the
faculty"; later this purpose was changed to read "...the social life and professional interests of the members of the organization." The group was briefly named the Wayne University Women's Club, from 1939 until 1940. In 1960 the Faculty Women's Club became the Association of Faculty Women. The name change was intended to avoid confusion with Wayne State University's Faculty Wives' Club, and to emphasize the professional rather than the social aspects of the organization. The Association of Faculty Women represented the female faculty and staff of Wayne State University until 1971, at which time the group was superseded by the President's Commission on the Status of Women.

Arrangement
The collection is grouped by material type.

Box 1
Newsletter, 1946-1960
Annual Reports, 1941-1955
Constitution and bylaws, 1940-1953
Program Committee, 1956-1960
Membership, correspondence, and reports, 1944-1960
Meeting minutes and committee reports, 1956-1960

Box 2
Meeting minutes and reports, 1935-1959
Event programs and letters of thanks, 1956-1957
Faculty Women's Club history, 1955-1957
Treasurer's files, 1946-1960

Box 3
President's files (Katherine Macks), 1960-1961
President's files (Jane Fink), 1966-1967
President's files (Dolores Stevens), 1967-1968
President's files (Helen T. Suchara), 1968-1969
President's files (Cynthia Colvin), 1970-1971
President's files (Sandra Lyness), 1971
Scholarship tea, 1967-1968
Executive board meeting minutes, 1960-1962
Meeting minutes, 1968-1969
Treasurer's reports, 1961-1965
Treasurer's files, 1962-1965
Treasurer's files (Gwen Rotherford) Correspondence, 1962-1964
Membership records, 1962-1963
Newsletter, 1961