

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY FEDERATION
OF TEACHERS COLLECTION

Papers, 1957-1974

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The papers of the Wayne State University Federation of Teachers, Local 1295 of the American Federation of Teachers, were deposited with the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs in December of 1972, by Richard R. Hixson; with additional material being deposited in November of 1974, by Robert R. Kunnath.

Wayne State University Federation of Teachers, Local 1295 of the American Federation of Teachers, was organized in 1957. In the spring of 1972 it lost the collective bargaining representation election to the American Association of University Professors. Thereupon Local 1295 became a "loyal opposition," a role, which amid declining membership, was maintained until late 1974 when the local was disbanded.

Some prominent officers of Local 1295 were Secretary Arthur Antisdell, President August Kerber, Treasurer Robert R. Kunnath, President Max Mark, Secretary Richard M. Spector, Treasurer and President Maurice (Maury) Waters, and President William Wattenberg.

The papers of Local 1295 pertain mainly to internal union organization and activities. Also included are documents which help clarify union positions regarding both social and political events of the years 1957-1974.

Important subjects covered in the collection are;

AFSCME Local 1479 strike in October of 1969, at Wayne State University
Collective bargaining
Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC) collective bargaining representation election held in March, 1972
Faculty salaries, layoffs, tenure
Teacher unionism

Among the correspondents are; (see index at end of guide for locations)

Arthur Antisdell
Jerome Brooks

Rev. Cecil L. Franklin
George Gullen

Correspondents continued:

Richard A. Hixson
William R. Keast
Robert R. Kunnath
Henry B. Linne

Max Mark
Richard M. Spector
Maurice (Maury) Waters

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Series II Boxes 3-4 Financial papers

Bills and expenses, per capita reports, payroll deductions and union remittances, dues correspondence, and related financial materials, 1957-1974. The files present a good overview of the financial history of Local 1295.

Non-manuscript material

One seven-inch reel of magnetic-recording tape, containing the proceedings of a general meeting, has been placed in the Archives' Audip-Visual Collections.

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Constitutions and by-laws, correspondence, committee and Executive Board minutes and reports, WSUFT and AFT publications and Local 1295 policy and housekeeping files relating to teacher and faculty unionism, collective bargaining, MERC representation election between the American Association of University Professors, Wayne State University Faculty Association and the WSUFT, wage and price freeze, and Wayne State University policies and activities for the period 1957-1974. The folders are arranged alphabetically within the following topical divisions; internal organization and housekeeping, and Local 1295 policy files.

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