



MG 109 - R. R. Buckley papers: Saskatchewan Universities Commission Records

Dates: 1971-1992 (inclusive); 1978-1987 (predominant).

Extent: 1.5 metres of textual records.

Biography: The Saskatchewan Universities Commission was established on 1 July 1974, coinciding with the division of a single university system operating on two campuses, into two autonomous universities: the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, and the University of Regina.

The Commission's responsibilities included advising the government of the sums necessary to support the universities; reviewing the budgets and rationalising funds allocations to the universities; and assisting in planning and development. Acting as an intermediary between the government and the institutions, the Commission was empowered to review and authorise capital project expenditures, as well as to review and rationalise graduate and undergraduate program proposals.

One of nine members of the Commission staff, R.R. Buckley served as Physical Planner, responsible for reviewing the capital budgets of the universities and integrating them into multi-year forecast needs, and assessing immediate and long—term physical plant needs.

Arrangement: This material has been organised into 4 series:

- I. Planning Documents
- II. Space and Physical Plant Documents
- III. Capital Programs and Planning Documents
- IV. Consultant's Files

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on access.

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I. PLANNING DOCUMENTS. - 1973-1987.

This series consists of records relating to operations forecasts, annual reports, visits and meetings, etc. Included are minutes, notes, correspondence, reports, etc.

1. Operations Forecasts. - 1977-1987. - 2 folders.
Includes correspondence, memoranda, reports and working documents from the provincial government, both Universities and the Commission, regarding capital funding allocations and 5-year projections (to 1992). Folder 1 includes a copy of the provincial 1983 budget address; folder 2 includes a copy of the 1984-85 provincial estimates.
2. Annual Report. - 1983-1984.
Report for the year ending 31 March 1984, together with a copy of "Partnership for Progress," a provincial government brochure outlining 5-year strategies for education, employment, agriculture and health.
3. Visits and Conferences. - 1979-1985.
Correspondence and reports from various conferences or liaison visits. Sites include several western Canada universities, as well as an international congress organised by Quebec architects; Western Canadian Universities Physical Plant Administrators Conference; Canadian Building Congresses; and Council of Educational Facility Planners, International.

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4. Meetings and Information. - 1978-1986.
Correspondence, notes, reports and memoranda.
5. Matching Grants Policy Papers and Source Documents. - 1982-1992.
6. Fine Arts. - Committee Notes. - 1984-1986. - 2 folders.
The first folder contains notes, clippings, and both draft and final versions of consultants' reports on fine arts programs in the University sector; the second folder contains correspondence, memoranda, reports, statistical information, etc., and includes a history of the fine arts college, Regina.
7. Fine Arts - Papers. - 1984-1986.
Includes copy of "Saskatchewan and the Arts: The Investment, The Dollars, The Jobs and The Votes."
8. Health Facilities Funding Options. - December 1983.
Copy of report by A.E. Daley, Treasury Board Division.
9. Rationale for the Commission. - 1973-1984.
Includes copies of the University Act; the Hall report on University Organisation and Structure; and information outlining the responsibilities of the Commission and the position of Physical Planner.

10. Research.
Includes "Applied Research at the University of Saskatchewan;" proposal for Centre for Frontier Engineering Research; and High Tech Report.

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11. Research - Canadian Section, International Council for Building Research Studies and Documentation (CIB). - 1981-1985. Bulletins and information newsletters.
12. Research Park and Research Papers. - 1983-1984.

II. Space and physical plant documents. - 1973-1989.

This series consists of a number of published documents relating to administration, records related to international symposiums, campus space, etc.

1. Published Material. – 1974-1986.
Includes the following publications:
A Basic Manual for Physical Plant Administration, 1974.
Comprehensive Maintenance and Repair Program, 1978.
Canadian Building Congress Proceedings, 1979, 1982, 1985.
APPA Comparative Costs and Staffing Report, 1980-81.
APPA Meeting Proceedings, 1985, 1986.

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International Symposium on Building Economics, vol.1-6.
APPA Directory of Consultants, 1983.
Some Economic Aspects of the Rehabilitation of Buildings.
Economic Aspects of the Durability of Building Materials.

2. Campus Space Information System. - 1973-1985.
Correspondence, memoranda and reports.
3. Space Summary - U of S. - 1981-1982.
4. Campus Space Inventory. - 1973-1986. - 2 folders.
5. Space Inventories - Other Universities. - 2 folders.
The first folder includes information on the University of Manitoba, Ohio State University, and universities in Ontario and British Columbia; in particular, material concerns agricultural space allocations. The second folder contains information on the University of Calgary, Ohio State, and Nebraska.

Folder 1

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6. Tunnel Replacement Projects. - 1978-1980, [1989].

III. Capital programs and planning. - 1975-1987.

This series consists of records relating to developing capital programs and planning procedures. Included are notes, reports, summaries of projects, papers, etc.

1. Staff Notes and Policy Items. - 1975-1986.
2. Capital Programs. - 1976-1987. - 2 binders.
3. Capital Work Sheets. - 1977-1982.

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4. Approach to Capital Funding. - 1971-1980.
5. Summary of Projects. - 1977-1982.
Includes Commission minutes, Government/University Capital Review Committee (G/UCRC) minutes and memoranda, a working paper on the development of a ten-year capital program, etc.
See also below, IV. II
6. Estimate Time. - 1977-1986.
Includes capital work sheets, winter works projects, and comments on a visit to the department of Advanced Education, Alberta.
7. Capital Renewal and Replacement Papers. - 1976-1985.

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8. Capital Renewal. - University of Alberta.
9. Working Papers and U of S Studies on Rehabilitation. - 1976-1982.

IV. Consultant's files. - 1972-1987.

This series consists of files generated by consultants, and includes correspondence, reports, summaries, manuals, etc.

1. Index.
2. Association of Physical Plant Administrators (APPA). - 1984-1987.
Includes certificate of membership, correspondence and a book review.
3. Department of Advanced Education and Manpower (DAEH). - 1986.
Correspondence.
4. Plant Replacement Value (PRy). - 1978-1985.

5. Capital Programs. - Synopsis. - 1974-1982.
6. Capital Funding Summary.
7. Capital Expenditures. - Other Areas. - 1977-1985.
Includes statistical data on capital income and expenditures by region and province from 1961-1976.
8. Long Term Projects/Tasks. - 1984-1986.
9. Long Term Projects/Tasks. - Capital Procedures and Problems. - 1975-1986.
10. Procedures Manual. - 1975-1985.
11. Ten Year Program. - 1968-1982.
Includes background and working papers.
See also above, 111.5
12. Department of Advanced Education and Manpower. - Contracts. -1983-1985.
13. University of Saskatchewan / Government Services. -1972-1973.
Correspondence, memoranda and minutes concerning the two campuses, including University Planning Committee documents, budget discussions, etc.
14. Staff Notebook.

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15. Staff Notebook. - Items to be Updated.
16. Construction Indices.
17. Issues and Options. - 1985.
18. Renovation Items.
19. Allocation of Money. - Minor Projects. - 1978-1981.
20. Maps.
Campus plans from various Canadian and American universities.
21. Priorizing a Program. - 1975-1976, 1985.
22. Project Submission. - 1972-1986.
Correspondence, memoranda and reports.
23. University of Regina. – Minister’s Brief and Consultant’s Report. - 1987.

Includes the 1987 Minister's brief to the University of Saskatchewan.

24. Tables to be Updated.

25. Business Expense Log.

26. Buckley, Robert Roy.

27. Miscellaneous.

Includes copy of the University Farmstead Master Plan, and an article by S. Davis from Human Resource Planning.