

Inventory to the Records of the Student Government Association, 1961-2004

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Descriptive Summary

- Creator:** Student Government Association
- Title:** Inventory to the Records of the Student Government Association
- Dates:** 1961 – 2004
- Abstract:** The Student Government Association(SGA) was organized in 1925 as part of the Paterson City Normal School. The SGA coordinates the operations of student organizations, clubs, and groups as they relate to the student body. The SGA also collects and distributes funds to these various clubs and groups to support their activities. The records in this collection contain the minutes of the Executive Board, Legislative Board, the Finance Committee and the SGAPresident.
- Quantity:** 3 boxes
- Collection No.:**
- Language:** English
- Repository:** William Paterson University. Special Collections and University Archives
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History of the Student Government Association

The Student Government Association was originally formed in the 1925-26 academic year from the Student Council at Paterson City Normal School. The first constitution, adopted in that year, chartered five clubs: Glee Club, Dramatic Society, Library Council, Poetry Club and the Arts Club. The first student fee of \$5 was assessed in 1934.

In November 1936, the SGA supported the first college newspaper *The Paterson State Beacon*. Separate Athletic Committees were created within SGA to promote men's and women's athletics. Athletic programs were established contingent upon the hiring of qualified faculty members and new facilities, such as a swimming pool, built in 1965. The SGA also established programs for assembly periods that were extremely popular and helped to unite the small and growing college. As the college expanded, the assemblies eventually were eliminated.

The SGA is mainly responsible for representing student interests to the University Administration. It also charters student clubs/organizations and distributes student activity fees to fund their operation. Over the past 80 years of the SGA's existence, numerous clubs and organizations have been created and waned dependent upon student participation and faculty interest.

The SGA is divided into various committees: the Executive Board, the Legislative Board, Club President and the Finance committee.

Scope and Content Note

The files contained in this collection range from 1961 to 2004. The Executive and Legislative Board files range from 1981 to 2004 with missing files for the years 1986 - 1987, 1989 - 1993, 1996 - 1997, 1998 - 2000. The Club President files are even more sporadic for the years 1988 -2004. The miscellaneous files contain various budget, finance and SGA reports.

Arrangement Note

The Student Government Association papers are separated into three boxes: The Executive Board Minutes and Meetings, the Legislative Board Minutes and Meetings, and Club President and Miscellaneous. Each folder is dated according to the semester year including summer (June to August) unless otherwise noted. Each box is arranged chronologically.

Series Description

Student Government Association Records

This series contains the papers of the Student Government Association for the years 1961 – 2004.

Container List

Box1: Student Government Association Executive Board Minutes and Meetings, 1981 - 2004

| Box | Folder | |
|------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 | 1981 – 1982 |
| | 2 | 1982 - 1983 |
| | 3 | 1983 – 1984 |
| | 4 | 1985 – 1986 |
| | 5 | 1987 – 1988 |
| | 6 | 1988 – 1989 |
| | 7 | 1993 – 1994 |
| | 8 | 1994 – 1995 |
| | 9 | 1995 – 1996 |
| | 10 | 1997 – 1998 |
| | 11 | July 2000 – December 2000 |
| | 12 | January 2001 – May 2001 |
| | 13 | June 2001 – April 2002 |
| | 14 | September 2002 – December 2002 |
| | 15 | January 2003 – December 2003 |
| | 16 | January 2004 – December 2004 |

Box 2: Student Government Association Legislative Board Minutes and Meetings, 1981 – 2004

| Box | Folder | |
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| 2 | 1 | 1981 – 1982 |
| | 2 | 1982 – 1983 |
| | 3 | 1983 – 1984 |
| | 4 | 1984 – 1985 |
| | 5 | 1985 – 1986 |
| | 6 | 1987 – 1988 |
| | 7 | 1988 – 1989 |
| | 8 | 1993 – 1994 |
| | 9 | 1994 – 1995 |
| | 10 | 1995 – 1996 |
| | 11 | Summer 1996 |
| | 12 | 1997 – 1998 |
| | 13 | July 2000 – December 2000 |
| | 14 | January 2001 – May 2001 |
| | 15 | June 2001 – April 2002 |
| | 16 | September 2002 – December 2002 |
| | 17 | January 2003 – December 2003 |
| | 18 | January 2004 – December 2004 |

Box 3: Student Government Association Club President Minutes and Meetings, 1988 – 2004; and Miscellaneous

| Box | Folder | |
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| 3 | 1 | 1988 – 1989 |
| | 2 | 1993 - 1994 |
| | 3 | 1994 – 1995 |
| | 4 | 1995 – 1996 |
| | 5 | September 1997 – January 1999 |
| | 6 | September 2000 – December 2000 |
| | 7 | January 2001 – May 2001 |
| | 8 | June 2001 – April 2002 |
| | 9 | September 2002 – December 2002 |
| | 10 | December 2002 – December 2003 |
| | 11 | January 2004 – December 2004 |
| | 12 | Finance Committee Budget 1981 -1983 |
| | 13 | Financial Guidelines 1986 – 1987 |
| | 14 | Financial Guidelines and Bills 1994 – 1995 |
| | 15 | Financial Committee Minutes and Meetings December 1985 – April 1986 |

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| 16 | FC Minutes and Meetings 1987 – 1988 |
| 17 | FC Minutes and Meetings 1988 – 1989 |
| 18 | FC Minutes and Meetings 1995 – 1996 |
| 19 | All You Need to Know About SGA Finances 1987 |
| 20 | Campus Constitutions 1970 – 1980 |
| 21 | Enrollment Report, Fall 1979 |
| 22 | Enrollment Report, Fall 1981 – 1983 |
| 23 | SGA Government Reports, 1961 – 1969 |
| 24 | SGA Government Reports, 1970 – 1980 |
| 25 | SGA Members and Constitutions, 1981 – 1982 |
| 26 | SGA Unfair Bookstore Practices, Petitions, February 1997 |
| 27 | SGA Payroll Ledger, July 31, 1986 – November 30, 1988 |

Name and Subject Index Terms

Subject Index Terms:

Athletic Committee
Beacon, The
New Jersey Colleges
New Jersey History
Paterson City Normal School
Paterson City Normal School Clubs
Paterson City Normal School History
Paterson City Normal School Sports
Paterson State Beacon
Student Government Association
Student Government Association History – 20th Century
William Paterson College
William Paterson University Athletic Committee
William Paterson University
William Paterson University Clubs
William Paterson University History – 20th Century