



*Inventory of the*

**American Association of University Professors:  
Florida State University Chapter Records**

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## **SUMMARY INFORMATION**

Dates: 1950-1967 (inclusive)

Extent: 0.8 Linear Ft.

Languages represented in collection: eng

Abstract: Agendas, committee files, correspondence, financial records, membership, minutes, programs, resolutions, and other records documenting the operations of the American Association of University Professors-FSU Chapter.

Portions of collection available online?:No

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition Information:

Received as a gift from the Dorothy L. Hoffman Estate, November 1985.

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL / HISTORICAL NOTES**

While it cannot be determined from these records when the AAUP-FSU chapter was created, its Constitution and By-laws for January 1952 states that "the FSU Chapter shall have as its object cooperation with the Association in advance of the standards and ideals of teaching and research

in this situation." The chapter was governed by an executive council consisting of the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, the ex-presidents for a period of two years following the expirations of their terms of office, and, after their appointment, the chairmen of the standing committees. FSU Meteorology Professor Dr. Werner Baum (1952) and Geography Professor David Christensen (1957) were two early Chapter presidents. From the early 1950s through the 1960s, chapter committees included a nominations committee, program committee, membership committee, salary committee, publications committee, and a committee on professional relations and standards. Chapter activities included conducting special studies on topics such as salaries; sponsoring informational programs; providing a forum for broad discussions of many topics; and providing faculty members with the opportunity to work together on common problems and to present their conclusions or questions to the administration or any other appropriate agency. According to Ralph Dougherty, former President of the United Faculty of Florida-FSU Chapter, the local AAUP chapter in the late 20th Century attempted to recertify itself as FSU's chief collective bargaining unit, but that effort failed because of opposition from the United Faculty of Florida.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES**

The American Association of University Professor-FSU Chapter Records document the history of this organization that represented faculty and other higher education professionals at Florida State University. The collection contains activity files, agendas, committee files, correspondence, election materials, financial records, membership, minutes, newsletters, programs, and resolutions. Predominant topics include academic freedom; collective bargaining representation; faculty elections; merit; political activity; recruitment/retention; and salaries; and financial support of higher education in Florida. It is significant to researchers studying the early history of faculty representation and collective bargaining at Florida State University and at other higher education institutions in Florida.

## INDEXING TERMS

### *Personal Names:*

Baum, Werner A.  
Christensen, David.

### *Corporate Names:*

American Association of University Professors. Florida State University Chapter.

### *Subject Terms:*

College teachers--Salaries, etc--Florida--Tallahassee  
Collective bargaining--Florida  
Florida State University--Faculty

### *Genre/Format Terms:*

correspondence  
financial records  
minutes  
newsletters  
programs

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