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Descriptive Summary

Title: San José State University Student Council Records

Dates: 1950-1980

Collection number: MSS-2009-03-04

Creator: San José State University, Student Council

Collection Size: 3 boxes(2.67 linear feet)

Repository: San José State University Library.

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Abstract: The San José State University Student Council Records, 1950-1980 document the formation of the SJSU Student Council in 1955. The early Student Council, also known as the Associated Students, formed in 1897 as a student club. The Student Council and the Student Court served as the executive and judicial body of student government on campus. The Associated Students incorporated in 1980, and the Student Council serves as Board of Directors of the organization. The records consist of meeting minutes of the Student Council, as well as revisions to the 1959 Student Council Constitution. This collection is arranged into a single series: Series I: Student Council Meeting Minutes, 1950-1980.

Physical location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Processing Information

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Project Information

This finding aid was created as part of the Survey and Cataloging Project, a two-year San José State University Library grant project funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The project began in 2008. The Project Director is Danelle Moon. The Project Archivist is Erin Louthen.

Organizational History

In 1857 the San Francisco Board of Education established Minns' Evening Normal School for current and prospective teachers in the city. Named after its principal, George W. Minns, the institution was formally established as the first California State Normal School by the State Legislature in 1862. A decade later, the Legislature voted to move the Normal School to San José, and the school relocated to its new home on Washington Square prior to the fall term of 1872. After a fire destroyed the Normal School building in 1880, the Legislature authorized $200,000 to construct a new building on the same site. Completed in 1881, the building was commonly referred to as the Second State Normal School. After several names and curriculum changes, Minns' Normal School is now San José State University, offering more than 134 bachelor's and master's degrees with 110 concentrations, and is recognized as one of the top public universities granting such degrees in the West.

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Related Material

Associated Students Records. SJSU University Archives Collection.

SJSU Office of the President, Robert D. Clark Records. Student Council Meeting Minutes, 1967-1968. SJSU University Archives Collection.

SJSU Office of the President, John H. Bunzel Records. Box 41. Student Council Meeting Minutes, 1971-1972. SJSU University Archives Collection.

Scope and Content of Collection

The San José State University Student Council Records, 1950-1980, document the formation of the SJSU Student Council in 1955. The early Student Council, also known as the Associated Students, formed in 1897 as a student club. The Student Council and the Student Court served as the executive and judicial body of student government on campus. The Associated Students incorporated in 1980, and the Student Council serves on the Board of Directors of the organization. The records consist of meeting minutes of the Student Council, as well as revisions to the 1959 Student Council Constitution.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into a single series: Series I: Student Council Meeting Minutes, 1950-1980.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

San José State University. Student Council -- History

San José State University. Student Council -- Records and correspondence

San José State College. Student Council -- History

San José State College. Associated Students -- History

San José State College -- History

California State University, San José -- History

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Student government -- California -- San José

Education, Higher -- California -- San José

Series I: **Student Council Meeting Minutes 1950-1980**

Physical Description: 3 boxes

Series Scope and Content Summary

The materials in this series document the formation of the SJSU Student Council in 1955. The early Student Council, also known as the Associated Students, formed in 1897 as a student club. The Student Council and the Student Court served as the executive and judicial body of student government on campus. In 1980 the Associated Students was incorporated, and the Student Council serves as Board of Directors of the organization. The meeting minute records document a variety of events that took place at the Council's weekly meetings, such as student organization presentations and requests, revisions to their constitution, officer elections, committee updates, and other executive and judicial branch duties.

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically by date range.

Box 1 **Meeting Minutes 1950-1965**

Box 2 **Meeting Minutes 1965-1976**

Box 3 **Meeting Minutes 1976-1980**