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Collection Summary

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Title

Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering. Engineering Controversy Records

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1962-1971

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Abstract

The Office of Commissioner of Higher Education, tasked with creating an Academic Master Plans for South Dakota, recommended the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology absorb the SDSU College of Engineering. This collection is composed of records dealing with this controversial topic.

Historical Note

In 1968, the South Dakota State Legislature created the Office of Commissioner of Higher Education and specified that one of the first and most important duties was to develop and Academic Master Plan. A committee was formed in June 1969 with seven study groups to develop a master plan. The groups were designated to study admissions, building needs, retentions and transfers, enrollment, financial aid, faculty salaries, and working conditions. The group responsible for studying academic programs and the roles of each institution was known as Committee D.

The plan made many recommendations which applied to public higher education in South Dakota which did not create much controversy. However, a matter which caused major concern on the SDSU campus was the fate of the College of Engineering. The Committee recommended that the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology absorb the SDSU College of Engineering for a projected cost savings of \$200,000. This created controversy across the state of South Dakota.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in alphabetical order.

Contents Note

This collection is composed of records related to the removal of the College of Engineering from South Dakota State University in the early 1970s. Included are meeting minutes, reports, and research.

Related Resources

"The Rhetoric of the Engineering School Controversy in South Dakota from February 11, 1971, through March 19, 1971."

Kodis, Katherine L., Master's thesis, South Dakota State University, 1971.
Call number: Archives LB2385.K816]

Key Words

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