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Identity area

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Title President's Council files

Dates 1987 - 1991 (Creation)

Level of description Series

Extent and medium 11.60 linear feet of textual records

Context area

Name of creator [Office of the President -- Barber B. Conable \(President, 1986 - 1991\)](#)

Repository [World Bank Group Archives](#)

Archival history

In 1994 twelve records center cartons of President's Council files were accessioned into the Archives from the President's office: ten boxes of minutes and two boxes of supporting information papers. The twelve boxes are the working records of the secretary of the Council, including the original signed copies of the minutes. The President's office sent duplicate copies of the Council minutes to the Institutional Information Service Center (IISC) and designated the IISC copy as the official file. The IISC set of the Council minutes was accessioned into the Archives in two transfers, one in 1993 and the other in 1995. The Archives compared the IISC set with the set transferred from the President's office and retained as the master file the original copy of the minutes and, in a few cases, also retained the IISC copy if it was a more complete item.

Content and structure area

Scope and content

Shortly after assuming the Presidency, Barber Conable discontinued the Managing Committee that, during the Clausen years, had provided overall administrative control of the Bank. In its place Conable created an advisory body made up of the Bank Vice Presidents who reported directly to the President (some vice presidents reported to other vice presidents; they were excluded). This body was originally known as the Policy Committee, then renamed the President's Council in May 1988. It advised on policy decisions for consideration by the Executive Directors, on strategic objectives, resource mobilization and allocation, manpower strategies, and other managerial issues. A staff member in the President's office served as the secretary for the Committee/Council.

This series contains the official records of the Council, from May 1987 to July 1991, grouped in two subseries. The files in the first subseries, amounting to 10 linear feet, are the records of the weekly meetings of the Council, including agendas, minutes, reports, and documents discussed. The second subseries, 2 linear feet, is the set of papers distributed to the Council members for background information; the first seven files (of a total of nine) include a list at the beginning of the file providing the title of each document in the file, the originator, and the date. The files include a few pieces of correspondence and a few annotations and comments from Council members.

These records are an essential source for a researcher who wishes to understand the internal discussions in the Bank during the Conable years.

System of arrangement

Records are arranged in two parts: Meeting records, arranged by date of meeting; and Information papers, arranged chronologically.

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Internal World Bank Group Archives rules based on ISAD(G).

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