

# Guide to the Council of Masters, Yale University, Meeting Minutes

RU 299



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 299

**CREATOR:** Yale University. Council of Masters

**TITLE:** Council of Masters, Yale University, meeting minutes

**DATES:** 1932-2005

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 20 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of minutes and associated files of the monthly Yale Council of Masters meetings.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The materials were transferred from the Office of the Council of Masters, 1987-2005.

## Conditions Governing Access

While this collection as a whole is available for research, parts of it may be restricted due to law, university policy or fragility. Any restricted material will be noted as such.

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## Preferred Citation

Council of Masters, Yale University, Minutes of Meetings (RU 299), Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Associated Materials

Records of the Council of Masters (RU 295).

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## Biographical / Historical

The Council of Masters was established in 1932, the year the first masters were appointed. The Council makes recommendations to the University President in matters of policy concerning the residential colleges. It also serves as the committee of control in the affairs concerning two or more residential colleges. The Council consists of the masters of the residential colleges. Ex officio members include the University President, Provost Dean of Yale College, Associate Dean of Yale College and Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

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## Biographical / Historical

The title "Master" for chief executive officers of residential colleges was changed to "Head of College" in April of 2016.

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## Scope and Contents

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## General note

Forms part of Yale Record Group 13-A (YRG 13-A), Records of the Yale Council of Masters.

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## Arrangement

The minutes are arranged chronologically.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Council of Masters meeting minutes

The records contain minutes and material related to the monthly Council of Masters meetings, 1932-2005. Most records from 1932-1992 include associated meeting files, but records from 1993-2005 contain only minutes and the semiannual student census summaries. Associated files may include votes and agreements, memoranda, correspondence with Yale and New Haven administrators, meeting agendas, and requests for Fellows appointments.

The main content of the minutes themselves concerns the naming and allocation of Fellows to the residential colleges. Other matters mentioned in the minutes include the residential college libraries; visiting hours for women (pre-1969); the coat and tie rule in dining halls; policies for students returning from war; and distribution of Council of Masters funds to student organizations.

Indices to the meeting minutes for the years 1935-1965 can be found in Box 1. The bound volumes for the years 1932-1943 also contain indices.

b. 1, f. 1 - 17	Indices to meeting minutes	1935-1965
	Meeting minutes and files	
b. 2, f. 18 - 96	1932-1937	
b. 3, f. 97 - 158	1937-1942	
b. 4, f. 159 - 211	1942-1945	
b. 5, f. 212 - 248	1945-1948	
b. 6, f. 249 - 281	1948-1950	
b. 7, f. 282 - 310	1950-1951	
b. 8, f. 311 - 348	1951-1953	
b. 9, f. 349 - 383	1953-1955	
b. 10, f. 384 - 422	1955-1957	
b. 11, f. 423 - 470	1957-1960	
b. 12, f. 471 - 507	1960-1963	
b. 13, f. 508 - 537	1964-1966	
b. 14, f. 538 - 555	1967	
b. 15, f. 556 - 573	1968	
b. 16, f. 574 - 588	1969	
b. 17, f. 589 - 605	1969-1970	
b. 18, f. 606 - 627	1970-1972	
b. 19, f. 628 - 645	1972-1973	

## Meeting minutes and files (continued)

b. 20, f. 646 - 665	1973-1974
b. 21, f. 666 - 685	1974-1975
b. 22, f. 686 - 709	1975-1977
b. 23, f. 710 - 732	1977-1978
b. 24, f. 733 - 751	1978-1979
b. 25, f. 752 - 772	1979-1980
b. 26, f. 773 - 792	1980-1981 Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2017 as established by <a href="#">Yale Corporation regulations</a> .
b. 27, f. 793 - 814	1982-1983 Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2019 as established by <a href="#">Yale Corporation regulations</a> .
b. 28, f. 815 - 832	1983-1984 Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2020 as established by <a href="#">Yale Corporation regulations</a> .
b. 29, f. 833 - 854	1984-1985 Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2021 as established by <a href="#">Yale Corporation regulations</a> .
b. 30, f. 855 - 876	1985-1987 Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2023 as established by <a href="#">Yale Corporation regulations</a> .
b. 31, f. 877 - 892	1987-1988 Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2024 as established by <a href="#">Yale Corporation regulations</a> .
b. 32, f. 893 - 908	1988 Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2024 as established by <a href="#">Yale Corporation regulations</a> .
b. 33, f. 909 - 924	1989 Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2025 as established by <a href="#">Yale Corporation regulations</a> .
b. 34, f. 925 - 942	1990 Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2026 as established by <a href="#">Yale Corporation regulations</a> .
b. 35, f. 943 - 964	1991-1992 Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2028 as established by <a href="#">Yale Corporation regulations</a> .
b. 36, f. 965 - 1001	1992-1995 Minutes are restricted until January 1, 20316 as established by <a href="#">Yale Corporation regulations</a> .

## Meeting minutes and files (continued)

b. 37, f. 1002 - 1996-2000  
1047  
Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2036 as established by [Yale Corporation regulations](#).

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b. 38 2001-present [2005]  
Minutes are restricted until January 1, 2041 as established by [Yale Corporation regulations](#).

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## Bound volumes

b. 39 Volumes 1-4 1932-1937

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b. 40 Volumes 5-10 1937-1943

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Student housing  
Universities and colleges -- Administration

### **Corporate Bodies**

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Branford College (Yale University)  
Calhoun College (Yale University)  
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