

Guide to  
**Dallas Theological Seminary  
Student Council Records**

1925-1964 and undated

.33 linear feet

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**Abstract:** Primarily minutes of the Dallas Theological Seminary Student Council Records and related correspondence.

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**Historical Sketch:**

Dallas Theological Seminary opened in the fall of 1924 as the Evangelical Theological College (ETC). The name of the student organization at the seminary was the Students' Association of the Evangelical Theological College. The earliest records in the collection are dated January 30, 1925. The organization adopted a constitution in May 1925, so this may have been the first semester for the Association. The seminary changed its name in 1936 to Dallas Theological Seminary and Graduate School of Theology. The student organization revised its constitution in 1940 to make necessary changes and update the name. The Association changed to a Council in about 1954.

**System of Arrangement**

The Dallas Theological Seminary Student Council Records are in one series.

**Series Description**

Records, 1925-1964 and undated. .33 linear ft. (14 files)

Arranged chronologically. Includes minutes, letters, and notes primarily related to the activities of the Students' Association and later the Student Council of Dallas Theological Seminary.

**Scope and Content Note**

This collection is one series, in fourteen files, housed in one half size archival box. The contents include minutes, letters, memos, and notes, concerning the Student Council actions. The records also include some of the constitutions of the student organization. The documents indicate some of the activities and interests of the students. The records also reflect some of the changes or continuity in their concerns through the years.

**Selected Search Terms:**

Dallas Theological Seminary History Sources  
Dallas Theological Seminary. Student Council

**Donor/Source:** unknown [Possibly donated by the Student Council.]

**Literary Rights Statement:** It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of copyright laws.

**Related Material:** Electronic records of the Student Council from 2005 and onward are stored on a server. Ask the archivist about obtaining access.

**Note to the Researcher:** See the attached container list for more details about this collection. Notes written by the processor are in brackets.

**Processing Information:** Files were combined when there were only a few pages in adjacent files. Blank sheets of paper were inserted to help indicate a new year. The records were maintained in chronological order. Some undated items were left in the order in which they were found because they appeared to be chronological.

### **Container List**

#### **File 1 Records, 1925-1930**

1924-1925 academic year:

Minutes of meetings from January 30, 1925-April 8, 1926, topics include the League of Evangelical Students, the Gospel Team, and a constitution and by-laws for the Students' Association of the Evangelical Theological College (ETC) (May 4, 1925). [There is a note about the 1925 constitution in File 5 with the 1948 constitution.]

1925-1926 academic year:

Minutes from October 5, 1925-April 8, 1926, topics include electing officers.

1926-1927 academic year:

Minutes from November 2, 1926-February 8, 1927, topics include letters of appreciation to professors who were leaving DTS.

1927-1928 academic year:

Minutes from October 20, 1927-May 5, 1928 [many handwritten], topics include the Union Gospel Mission and medical bills.

1928-1929 academic year:

Minutes from October 26, 1928-February 22, 1929, topics include writing to the League of Evangelical Students and expressing support of L. S. Chafer.

1929-1930 academic year:

Minutes from October 7, 1929-February 10, 1930, topics include electing officers.

#### **File 2 Records, 1930-1935**

1930-1931 academic year:

Minutes from October 6, 1930-April 27, 1931, topics include laundry and use of funds.

1931-1932 academic year:

Minutes from October 5, 1931-February 8, 1932, topics include the Gospel Team, changing the method of electing officers, and the League of Evangelical Students.

1932-1933 academic year:

Minutes from October 25, 1932-March 15, 1933, topics include the League of Evangelical Students, electing officers, repairing the campus driveway, and the school chorus singing on the radio.

1933-1934 academic year:

Minutes from September 23, 1933-May 3, 1934, topics include repairing the driveway, electing officers, and the League of Evangelical Students.

File 2 Records, 1930-1935 (continued)

1934-1935 academic year:

Minutes from September 20, 1934-May 2, 1935, topics include mimeographing Dr. Chafer's notes for the Theology classes, student athletics, Christian service activities, obtaining a telephone in the dormitory for students to use, electing officers, a constitution for the proposed Dallas Evening Bible School, and a Student Council financial report for 1934-1935.

File 3 Records, 1935-1940

1935-1936 academic year:

Minutes from September 20, 1935-April 14, 1936, topics include the League of Evangelical Students, the Dallas Evening Bible School, electing officers, writing to ETC alumni serving as missionaries, and changing the name of the seminary to Dallas Theological Seminary and Graduate School of Theology.

1936-1937 academic year:

Minutes from September 30, 1936-April 9, 1937, topics include the League of Evangelical Students and forming a discipline committee.

1937-1938 academic year:

Minutes from October 1, 1937-April 7, 1938, topics include lack of interest in the Dallas Evening Bible School, expressing thanks to the Women's Auxiliary for repairing two upholstered chairs in Stearns lounge, thanks for the installation of a phone in the dormitory, and dues of one dollar. Also includes financial statements dated September 1937 and May 18, 1938.

1938-1939 academic year:

Minutes from September 23, 1938-January 26, 1939, topics include missionary prayer bands, radio broadcasts from Stearns lounge, Inter-Seminary Fellowship, and bi-weekly Fellowship meetings. Also contains a financial statement dated January 23, 1939.

1939-1940 academic year:

Minutes from October 31, 1939-December 15, 1939, topics include Inter-Seminary Fellowship and electing officers. Also contains a constitution adopted February 27, 1940.

File 4 Records, 1940-1946

1940-1941 academic year:

Minutes for September 28, 1940 [handwritten], topics include Fellowship Meetings and dues.

[No records were found for academic years 1941-1942 and 1942-1943.]

File 4 Records, 1940-1946 (continued)

1943-1944 academic year:

Correspondence from Frank E. Gaebelein to Wallace Pollock (March 13, 1944) about speaking at a Fellowship meeting and a letter from Wallace Pollock to H. A. Ironside (March 16, 1944) requesting him to speak at a student banquet.

1944-1945 academic year:

Minutes for May 21, 1945, topics include electing officers. Also contains a letter from Roy Aldrich to Frank Venn dated September 4, 1944.

1945-1946 academic year:

Minutes for a cabinet meeting on February 26, 1946, topics include electing officers. Also contains a letter from Henderson Fox to the students (February 12, 1946), a letter of thanks from DTS (March 4, 1946), a statement of student offerings from August 22, 1945-March 4, 1946, and a letter of thanks from the Belgian Gospel Mission.

File 5 Records, 1946-1949

1946-1947 academic year:

Minutes from February 11, 1947-April 8, 1947 [handwritten], topics include a celebration of L. S. Chafer's birthday, collecting biographical material about Chafer, and welcoming new students. Also contains a letter from Warwick Aiken explaining his gift of an organ (October 1, 1946), and letters of gratitude from DTS for student donations.

1947-1948 academic year:

Minutes from September 23, 1947-April 27, 1948, topics include radio programs and revising the Student Association Constitution. Also contains letters of thanks to speakers, letters of appreciation to people who assisted with the birthday gift for L. S. Chafer, a constitution dated April 27, 1948, and a note about the 1925 constitution.

1948-1949 academic year:

Minutes for September 28, 1948, topics include campus athletics. Also contains one report on campus activities and one on sports.

1949-1950 academic year:

Statements regarding students selling football programs at SMU (Southern Methodist University).

[No records were found for 1950-1951.]

File 6 Records, 1952-1955

1951-1952 academic year:

Minutes for May 1, 1952 [handwritten], topics include installation of officers and athletic awards.

File 6 Records, 1952-1955 (continued)

1952-1953 academic year:

Minutes from October 9, 1952-May 9, 1953 [handwritten], topics include various ministry opportunities, the President's Banquet, the yearbook, suggestions to shorten meetings, and suggestions to develop closer relations between faculty and students.

1953-1954 academic year:

Minutes from August 28, 1953-April 31, [1954] [many are handwritten], topics include surplus treasury funds, and a recommended budget.

1954-1955 academic year:

Minutes from September 14, 1954-April 29, 1955 V, topics include changing to a student council type of government (September 23, 1954), the first meeting of student council (November 26, 1954), and revising the constitution. Also contains a financial report for the CAD's fund.

File 7 Records, 1955-1959

1955-1956 academic year:

Minutes from May 5, 1955-March 30, 1956, topics include helping new students adjust (September 21, 1955); *Kethiv Qere*, the weekly DTS news bulletin (September 21, 1955); and the yearbook (November 4, 1955). Also includes financial reports (November 4 and 9, 1955), a letter from the student council president to the yearbook editor (November 21, 1955), and two letters regarding delinquent loans payable to the Council (April 6, 1956).

1956-1957 academic year:

Minutes from May 3, 1956-March 27, 1957 [handwritten], topics include the Fall Picnic, the Founder's Banquet, paying the yearbook editor and photographer, and revising the constitution. Also contains a proposed budget for 1956-1957, and a suggestion to the faculty that seniors with a grade of A in a course would be exempt from taking the final exam for that course (February 14, 1957).

1957-1958 academic year:

Minutes from May 9, 1957-March 13, 1958, topics include the budget for 1957-1958 (October 11, 1957), donating books to a Korean seminary which burned (November 1, 1957), and a letter of appreciation to S. Lewis Johnson (December 18, 1957). Also contains a memo from Donald Campbell to Robert DeVries about approval of increasing the student fee (February 28, 1958) and a letter from Bob DeVries encouraging student donations to the building fund (March 17, 1958).

1958-1959 academic year:

Minutes from May 2, 1958-May 2, 1959, topics include the proposed budget (October 8, 1958), the "absence of the public address system in Stearns Hall for the past

File 7 Records, 1955-1959 (continued)

two years" (November 12, 1958), building fund donations, and approval of a new constitution (May 8, 1959). Also contains the faculty policy for reproduction of classroom material (December 18, 1958).

File 8 Records, 1959-1960 and undated

1959-1960 academic year:

Minutes from June 2, 1959-May 4, 1960, topics include a request for a file cabinet to preserve the Council's records (November 4, 1959), a radio program (November 11, 1959), student health insurance (November 25, 1959), and the SOS (Serving Our Students Committee) (March 30, 1960). Also contains miscellaneous documents including correspondence on various subjects, a schedule for *The Bible Says* television program (September 9, 1959), and notes for planning the fall picnic.

File 9 Records - Constitution, 1959-1960 and undated

1959-1960 academic year:

Includes correspondence, memos, copies of the 1959 and undated DTS Student Council Constitutions and By-Laws, and sample constitutions from six other schools.

File 10 Records, 1960-1961 and undated

1960-1961 academic year:

Minutes from September 15, 1960-May 3, 1961, topics include a design for a school pin (November 22, 1960), a seminary basketball team (December 6, 1960), and summer ministries (February 1, 1961). Also contains a FMF calendar for March and April, a note about older issues of *Bibliotheca Sacra* for sale, a traffic flow diagram for the parking lot, and various suggestions.

File 11 Records, 1961-1962

1961-1962 academic year:

Minutes from September 19, 1961-March 22, 1962, topics include fund drives, dress code in the library (December 1, 1961), and a suggestion that the fall semester start early enough that the semester ends before Christmas (March 22, 1962). Also contains a memo from John Walvoord to Ronald Chadwick regarding a director of the radio ministry (September 19, 1961), and planning notes for the Founder's Banquet.

File 12 Records, 1962-1963 and undated

1962-1963 academic year:

Minutes from May 3, 1962-May 9, 1963, topics include a Student Council retreat (includes a suggestion from student Charles Swindoll, May 3, 1962), expenditures, and

File 12 Records, 1962-1963 and undated (continued)

student mail on Saturdays (November 28, 1962). Also includes memos and correspondence concerning the Council, topics include suggestions for modifying the special Bible lectures (note from Student Council to the Faculty circa April 11, 1963), suggestions to improve relationships between students and faculty (note from the Student Council to the Faculty May 5, 1963), and seven pages of "Recommendations of the Student Council" (undated).

File 13 Records, 1963-1964 and undated

1963-1964 academic year:

Minutes from September 14, 1963-April 23, 1964, topics include missions (September 19, 1963), spending the first meeting of each month in prayer (October 3, 1963), the yearbook (October 10 and 23, and December 12, 1963), and dropouts (November 14, 1963). Also contains memos and correspondence, topics include welcoming new students (undated) and recommendations regarding the yearbook (undated).

File 14 Records, 1964 and undated

1964-1965 academic year:

Correspondence and survey forms regarding topics for discussion at the Student Council-Faculty Retreat. Included is a letter and a survey form completed by John F. Walvoord, President of DTS.