Guide to IU South Bend Chancellor Lester Wolfson Collection

Summary Information

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Abstract:

Lester M. Wolfson served as Indiana University South Bend’s first and, to date, longest serving Chancellor. He oversaw the growth of IUSB from a two-year college into an independent degree offering university. He also served as Professor of English at IU South Bend.

Wolfson was born on September 13, 1923, in Evansville, Indiana, and was raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Wolfson attended the University of Michigan where he received his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees in English, and accumulated numerous awards as well as the praises of his professors and peers. Following his graduation, Wolfson taught in several academic institutions including Wayne State University, University of Houston, University of California Santa Barbara, and Indiana University-Gary (now IU Northwest).

In 1964, Wolfson, then Associate Professor of English at IU-Gary (IU Northwest), was chosen to become the head of what would become today’s Indiana University South Bend campus. Wolfson’s title, Director and Assistant Dean, Indiana University South Bend, was changed to Chancellor in 1969 and retained until his retirement in 1987.

Wolfson oversaw the growth and development of the South Bend campus and its curriculum during his twenty-year tenure as Chancellor. He was at the forefront of the movement to transition IU South Bend from a two-year college where graduates were expected to finish their degrees at the Bloomington campus, to one that offered both bachelor’s and master’s degrees independently from the main campus. Wolfson, an avid theatre and music enthusiast, fostered the growth of both departments by stressing their importance not only at IU South Bend but also in the community, as he invited local residents to participate in and attend the shows. During his tenure, Wolfson presided over the rapid growth of the IU Sound Bend campus, including the Schurz Library, for which Wolfson lobbyed.
Wolfson and his wife later lived in New York state, before moving back to Indiana in 2016 to be closer to his family. He resided in The Waterford at Edison Lakes, an independent assisted living community in Mishawaka, Indiana. Chancellor Wolfson died on February 10, 2017, at the age of 93.

Scope and Content Note:

In order to preserve the integrity of the records, and to best reflect the context of their original creation and intended purpose, the materials in this collection are, wherever possible, organized in the order they were received (i.e., frequently, but not necessarily, chronologically or thematically). The collection is comprehensive, stretching from Wolfson’s early collegiate career in the 1940s, through his tenure as Chancellor at IU South Bend (1964-1987), until well after his retirement. Its contents include Indiana University correspondences between campuses, materials regarding IU South Bend campus and program development, IU South Bend Department/Division correspondences, materials regarding IU South Bend faculty, awards and accolades that Wolfson won, Wolfson correspondences, publications, and transcripts of presentations authored and given by Wolfson. The collection includes ninety banker’s boxes worth of materials.

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2. Oral history: Interviewee, Chancellor Wolfson; Interviewer, Alison Stankrauff. Interview conducted in South Bend, IN, November 18, 2016. Audio available via IU Box online storage.
3. Video: Chancellor Wolfson’s memorial service at IU South Bend, April 18, 2017. Video available via IU Box online storage.

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5. Bauer, B. Patrick 1987 (Indiana State Representative for the Sixth District).

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   Chancellor’s Meetings Regional Campus Administration: 1971-1975 (one of two folders)
12. South Bend/Mishawaka Chamber of Commerce; Annual Reports, Community
   Development Proposals/Projects, Correspondences: (1/2). Chancellor’s Meetings
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15. Chancellor’s Council; Correspondences, Meeting Minutes: 1981 (one of two folders).
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2. Indiana State Art Committee: Undated.
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1. University Faculty Council/Honorary Degree Committee; Memos and Agendas: 1980-1982 (one of three folders).
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4. Academic Program and Policy Committee (APPC); Memos: 1982 (one of three folders).
5. Academic Program and Policy Committee (APPC); Proposals: 1982 (two of three folders).
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7. Academic Program and Policy Committee (APPC); Memos and Meeting Minutes: 1979-1980 (one of two folders).
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17. Administration Committee; Memos and Meeting Minutes: 1984.
18. Academic Policy and Policy Committee (AAPC); Request and Proposals: 1981 (one of three folders).
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10. Administration Committee: 1985.

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13. Academic Senate; Minutes and Agenda: 1985-1986

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11. Indiana University Board of Trustees: 1978.
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13. Indiana University Board of Trustees Agenda for May 9, June 7: 1980.
15. Indiana University Board of Trustees Agenda for October 3, November 8, December 5: 1980.
16. Indiana University Board of Trustees Agenda for August 5, December 5: 1981.
17. Indiana University Board of Trustees Agenda for September 10, October 1, November 5, December 3: 1982.
18. Indiana University Board of Trustees Agenda for February 5, March 4, May 6: 1983.
19. Indiana University Board of Trustees Agenda for June 17, August 2 (partial), December 7: 1983.

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1. Indiana University President John W. Ryan; Organizational Chart: 1984.
2. Indiana University President John W. Ryan; Correspondences: 1987.
5. Indiana University President John W. Ryan; Statement to Joint Hearing Ways and Means Finance Committee of Senate of the IU General Assembly; Speech Elkhart Rotary Club: 1977-1978 (one of three folders).
6. Indiana University President John W. Ryan; Address to University: Address to IN Association of General Agents and Managers: 1978-1979 (two of three folders).
7. Indiana University President John W. Ryan; Address to University, Clark History IV: 1979-1980 (three of three folders).
11. Vice President Regional Campuses, John W. Ryan; Correspondences, Student Opinion Survey: 1970.
13. Indiana University President John W. Ryan; Bloomington Correspondences: 1986 (one of two folders).
15. Indiana University President John W. Ryan; May 19 President’s Retreat: 1986.
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7. Board of Trustees; Correspondences, Agendas, Meeting Minutes: 1978.
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9. Miscellaneous; Business Office Memos, Dean of Faculties Memo, IUSB Annual Report:

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6. The Media and Communication Center; IUSB and ND: Undated
7. IUSB Dental Assisting Program; Course Syllabus: 1978.
17. Dean and Mrs. Wilfred C. Bain; Gala Concert: March 27, 1973.
21. IU President Elvis J. Stahr; State of the University Address: December 12, 1966.

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11. IUSB Utilization of Teacher Rooms: 1968.
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10. Regional Campus Coordinating Committee; Meeting Minutes: 1966-1969.
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17. Regional Campus Study Committee; Correspondences, Miscellaneous: 1968-1969.

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2. Chancellor Wolfson; Published Works, Speeches, Newspaper Articles, Event Programs: 1960-1969.
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1. Profile Descriptions of IUSB Business Office, Department of English, and Department of Business: 1968.

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5. Division of Education; Correspondences: 1975.

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3. Division of Business and Economics: Correspondences, Program Reports/Surveys, Department Reports, Faculty Search Committee: 1970-1972.
4. Division of Business and Economics: Correspondences, Department Reports, Faculty Search and Screen Committee: 1971-1974.
15. Bound Volume: Measuring the Potential for the Quality of Life: Division of Business and Economics: Indiana University South Bend.
16. Bound Volume: Analysis of South Bend Area Economic Indicators.

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10. Division of Education; Correspondences, Department Event Programs, Education Alumni News: 1983.
12. Division of Education; Faculty Search and Screen: 1987.
15. Follow Up Study of Discontinuing Studies at IUSB.

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2. Department of Biology Sciences; Correspondences: 1983.
6. Department of Communication Arts; Meeting Minutes, Event Programs, Correspondences: 1975.
11. Department of English; Correspondences, Department Meeting Minutes, Department/Faculty Finances: 1981-1982.
13. Division of Arts and Sciences; Arts and Sciences Faculty Meeting Minutes: 1969-1972.
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17. Robert Teitler Complaint; Correspondences, Deposition Transcripts, Newspaper Articles, Meeting Transcripts: 1981.

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5. Department of Arts and Sciences; Department Chairman Donald D. Snyder; Correspondences, Meeting Minutes: 1973-1974.
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7. Department of Arts and Sciences; Biology Division Correspondences: 1979.
8. Department of Arts and Sciences; Faculty Hirings, Correspondences, Meeting Minutes, Event Programs: 1979-1980.
10. Department of Arts and Sciences; Department Programs, Faculty Search and Screen Committee, Correspondences: 1983-1987.
11. Department of Arts and Sciences; Correspondences, Meeting Minutes, Event Programs/Pamphlets: 1983-1984.
12. Department of Arts and Sciences; Department Chairman Lester C. Lamon Correspondences: 1985-1986.
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18. Department of Foreign Languages; Correspondences, Faculty Search and Screen, Department Programs/Events: 1983-1984.
29. Department of Mathematics; Faculty Search and Screen: 1975.
32. Department of Mathematics; Director of Graduate Studies, Search and Screen: 1987.
34. Department of Philosophy; Correspondences, Department Events, Faculty Achievements, Faculty Search and Screen: 1980-1982.
35. Department of Philosophy; Department Finances, Faculty Staffing, Philosophy Day: 1983-1984.
41. Department of Political Science; Correspondences, MAP Project, Faculty Achievements: 1979-1980.
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43. Department of Political Sciences; Correspondences, Program Proposals, Course Development: 1983-1984.
44. Department of Psychology; Department Meeting Minutes, Correspondences, Curriculum Development: 1972-1974.
45. Department of Psychology; Correspondences, Department Events, Meeting Minutes: 1975.
46. Department of Psychology; Correspondences, Meeting Minutes, Transfer of Funds: 1979-1980.
47. Department of Psychology; Correspondences, Faculty Achievements, Meeting Minutes: 1981-1982.
48. Department of Psychology; Departmental Meeting Minutes, Faculty Achievements, Department Finances, Correspondences: 1983-1985.
50. Department of Sociology; Correspondences, Meeting Minutes, Faculty Search and Screen Committee: 1975.
51. Department of Sociology; Correspondences, Faculty Achievements, Meeting Minutes, Transfer of Funds, Department News: 1979-1980.
52. Department of Sociology; Correspondences, Faculty Publications, Meeting Minutes: 1981-1984.

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15. Division of Labor Studies; Faculty Search Itinerary, Curriculum Changes, Sabbatical Replacement: 1983.
22. Division of Labor Studies; Paul Rainsberger, Part-Time Instructor; Participation Reaction Form-conference: 1990.
24. OCAW 7-515 Scholarship; Correspondences, Applications, Meeting Notes: 1989.

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4. School of Public and Environmental Affairs; Correspondences, Department Newsletter, Project Proposal: 1974 (folder two of two).
5. School of Public and Environmental Affairs; Correspondences, Department Newsletter, Annual Report, Project Proposal: 1975.
7. School of Public and Environmental Affairs; Correspondences, Faculty Publications, Department Quarterly Reviews: 1983.
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9. School of Public and Environmental Affairs; Correspondences, Department Finances, Program Accreditation, Department Events: 1985-1987.

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6. Dental Auxiliary Program; Course Schedule, Correspondences, Department Pamphlets: 1975.

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2. Responses to Chancellor Wolfson’s death (February 10, 2017); IU statements, *South Bend Tribune* article: 2017.
3. Public Memorial Service for Chancellor Wolfson at IU South Bend (April 18, 2017); announcement, program, text of remarks by Dr. Alfred Guillaume, Jr. and Margaret Wolfson: 2017.