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Administrative History:

William Henry Nelles Hull was born in Grimsby, Ontario in 1929. He received an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario in 1951; a Master’s Degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of Western Ontario in 1955 and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina in 1959.
Dr. Hull was a lecturer in Political Science at the University of Western Ontario from 1958-1959. He worked as an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Manitoba from 1959-1964 while he was also an Assistant to the Dean of Arts and Science at the same university. In 1964-1965, he took on the roles of Visiting Assistant Professor in Political Science and Executive Director of the Commonwealth Studies Center at Duke University. He became an Associate Professor of Politics and Chairman of the Department of Politics at Brock University in 1965-1967. From 1967-1968 he was a Professor of Politics and Chairman of the Department of Politics at Brock. He also acted as the Chairman of the Department of Economics at Brock from 1966-1968. His roles in 1968-1970 included Professor of Politics and Chairman of the Department of Politics at Brock. He remained a Professor of Politics at Brock, and from 1970 onward and took on the added duty of being the Co-coordinator of Communications in 1983-1986. Dr. Hull retired from Brock University in 1995.

He received numerous honours and awards including: a Fellowship from the Commonwealth Studies Center at Duke University; a grant from the Institute of Public Administration of Canada to W.U.S. (World University Service) International Assembly, Lund, Sweden; a grant from the Department of External Affairs to accept invitations to lecture in Australia; the Queen’s Silver Jubilee Medal; a Social Science and Humanities Research Council Research Grant and a Brock Advancement Fund grant.

Dr. Hull has lectured at numerous universities and he is a prolific writer. The Police and the Mass Media, Background Study prepared for the Royal Commission investigating Niagara Regional Police, 1989 is featured in this fonds.

The Department of Politics created a scholarship to honour William H.N. Hull. The scholarship had 100% support of the faculty who decided unanimously to name the scholarship after him. As the founding chair of the department, Hull was described as a scholar and a friend. He was well respected and he always had his door open to students.

**Organization:**

The records are arranged into 6 series.


Series III – Communications Studies Program, 1989-1994

Series IV – Brock University Faculty Club, 1975-1986 (non-inclusive)


Series I – Correspondence includes essay assignment topics, exam questions, courses offered, seminar topics and proposed programs in the Department of Politics. Senate Library Committee minutes are also incorporated into this file as well as rules and procedures of the Politics Department. Personal correspondence and correspondence related to Dr. Hull’s research are also included, 1963-1991, 1994-1995

1.1 Contains a proposal for a constitution of the Faculty Association of Brock University, 1963-1965

1.2 This file contains the minutes of a Freshmen Orientation Committee and outlines of Politics 190 and 210, 1966

1.3 The Open House Committee meeting notes are included as well as a paper on Politics at Brock. Much of the focus of this file is on the Senate Library Committee, 1967

1.4 Dr. Hull’s Curriculum Vitae is contained within this file. The Senate Library Committee continues to be an important topic and a decision was reached concerning the chairmanship of the Department of Economics. Dr. Maurice F. Perkins of the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development was appointed as chairman. Plans were made for Politics 399. A draft of a paper entitled The Department of Politics 1968-1973 is also included, 1968

1.5 A co-operative graduate program draft for Political Science is included, 1969

1.6 Much of the correspondence deals with space requirements in the Academic Staging Building. Dr. Hull writes that he has retired from a 5 year stint as chairman of the department, he is on sabbatical leave and finds himself able to return to Australia (thanks to the Canada Council) to continue work on his doctoral dissertation on the subject of “Ministerial Responsibility in Canadian and Australian Broadcasting”, 1970

1.7 Dr. Hull travelled to Australia where he was engaged in a comparative study of regulation and responsibility in Canadian and Australian public broadcasting, 1971

1.8-1.9 Dr. Hull was working with 2 research colleagues on a project on “Administrative Responsibility and the Canadian Federal Public Service”. This project was supported by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. Much of the correspondence deals with Dr. Hull’s requests for interviews with people involved in the media, 1972

1.10-1.11 Includes an itinerary for Brock’s 10th anniversary program, requests for interviews
regarding Dr. Hull’s project and the plans for a symposium aimed at High School students, 1 col. postcard, 1973

1.12 Correspondence, 1974

1.13 Dr. Hull decided to abandon the book that he originally envisaged on Canadian and Australian public broadcasting. He found that by the time he did the research on the Canadian media, the Australian research was out of date. He hoped to produce a series of articles on the topic in lieu of the book, 1975

1.14 Information on the Archer Commission Projects are included. Research projects were taken on by Brock faculty. R. Church undertook *The Organization and Operation of Local Government in the Niagara Region*; W.H.N. Hull took *The Regional Government in the Mass Media* project; J.N. Jackson and R. Hoover looked at *The Niagara Escarpment Commission* and L.A. Soroka did research on *Financial Aspects of Local and Regional Government in Niagara*. In this file, Dr. Hull has done research on Estelle Cuffe Hawley which he submitted to Dr. Earp, 1976

1.15 Correspondence, 1977

1.16 A report of Dr. Hull’s sabbatical leave of July-December, 1977 is included. Dr. Hull applied for a research grant to go to Australia from May to August of 1978 to replicate a study done in 1970-1971 of the attitudes of the Directors of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the Commissioners of the Australian Broadcasting Commission towards their responsibilities as directors or commissioners. A report of the lecture/research trip to Australia is included, 1978

1.17 Dr. Hull wrote a response regarding the *Canadian Content Review* which was put out by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission. A scholarship fund was put into place to honour the memory of Vicky Hull, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hull who died suddenly in May of 1980. In 1980 Dr. Hull’s father-in-law also died unexpectedly and a briefcase containing Dr. Hull’s 400 page manuscript which was about to go to the publishers was stolen. He described 1980 as “not a vintage year”, 1979-1980

1.18 Correspondence, 1981

1.19 Includes correspondence regarding the visit of Rodger Beehler, Chairman of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Victoria. Plans for a “Great Lakes” evening were put into place and suggestions for the Communications Studies Program were put forward, 1982

1.20 Contains *A Comparative Study of Cultural Policies Related to Broadcasting in Canada and Australia and Re-examined in Light of the Applebaum-Herbert Recommendations by*
W.H.N. Hull. A Master of Public Administration program was proposed and discussed, 1983

1.21 Dr. Hull addressed colleagues in his capacity as coordinator of the new Communications Studies Program. A request was made for a Communications 190 stipend, 1984

1.22 Correspondence, 1985

1.23 Dr. Hull was awarded $12,891.00 by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council to conclude the work on his study Broadcasting Policy in Canada and Australia: A Comparative Study. Dr. Hull was diagnosed with a severe case of glaucoma for which he received surgery, 1986

1.24 An assessment of Awakening from the National Broadcasting Dream is enclosed. This assessment was written by W.H.N. Hull, 1987

1.25 Enclosed is a study related to term eleven of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Niagara Regional Police Force. Force – Media Relations Executive Summary by William H.N. Hull. Dr. Hull says that he has made progress on his research project (Broadcasting Policy in Canada and Australia) but not completion. He was somewhat pressured into taking on a commissioned study for the Niagara Regional Police Force which he completed, 1988-1989

1.26 Plans were being made for the department’s proposed 25th anniversary celebration. The theme was “Canadian Politics: the Past, the Present and the Future”, 1990

1.27 Includes correspondence from the 25th Anniversary Committee and the Curriculum Vitae of William Henry Nelles Hull, 1991, 1994, 1995

Series II – The Department of Politics including departmental meeting minutes, memorandums and discussions regarding sabbaticals, academic programs, departmental duties, library relations and space constraints, 1967-1968, 1968, 1970, 1972-1995

1.28 Included are flyers, notes and a report from the Curriculum Committee, 1967-1968, 1970

1.29 Included are: a faculty list and Political Science discipline assessments, 1972

1.30 Included are proposed plans for the future and a Political Science Discipline Assessment prepared for the Advisory Committee on Academic Planning, 1973

1.31 Included is a Faculty Discussion on the Department of Politics. There is a report on the Curriculum in Political Theory. Policies and procedures relating to graduate studies are also a part of this file as Well as a Graduate Studies at Brock flyer, 1974
1.32 Report of the Political Science Consultants to the Advisory Committee on Academic Planning Ontario Council on Graduate Studies on Graduate Program in Political Science in Ontario by A.C. Cairns, R.T. Cole and P.B. Waite, 1974

1.33 Included is a proposal for restructuring offerings in Comparative Politics and a report on the Politics M.A. program. Professor Kernaghan requested approval for a program in administrative studies and politics. There is also information on POLI 55: Approaches to the Study of Politics, 1975

1.34 Includes a flyer – Graduate Studies in Politics at Brock. A paper on general information about the Politics program is included. Distinctions between 400 level and 500 level courses were outlined. An interpretation of the procedures for the examination of a candidate for the Degree of Master of Arts in Politics was outlined and a proposal for a modest modification of the procedures for the examining of a candidate for the same degree was presented, 1976

1.35 Professor Mathie proposed a change to Politics 190. Changes in promotion regulations were also outlined, 1977

1.36 Minutes and memorandums, 1978

1.37 Contains a statement of purpose for Politics 531. A new program was introduced – Program in Law and Public Administration. This was a 4 year program for students who were contemplating a career in law or government, 1979

1.38 Includes guidelines for Politics 499: Honours Thesis. A description on Politics 505: Approaches to the Study of Politics is also included, 1980

1.39 Included are guidelines for Politics 485hc: Politics Tutorial. There is correspondence regarding the Judicial Administration concentration within the M.A. program in Politics and a restatement of existing departmental requirements for all M.A. students in Politics. Urban and Environmental Studies 395b (Inter-disciplinary perspectives in urban and environmental studies II) was also discussed, 1981

1.40 The Judicial Administration Program was reviewed. New A-block offices were allocated, 1982

1.41 Brock experimental seminars (advanced students conducted seminars for selected high school students) were held at Brock from 1974 on. A report on what Brock experimental seminarians were doing in 1983 is within this file. A posting was listed for a visiting professor of International Relations to replace Professor Dirks while he took an unpaid leave of absence, 1983

1.42 Contains a report by a Task Force on the program in Judicial Administration. Guidelines for Politics 485hc: Politics Tutorial are also included, as is a discussion about curriculum, 1984
1.43 Included is a Review of the Department of Politics, Brock University by H.M. Stevenson, York University. There is correspondence regarding the Affirmative Action Policy in University hiring and the hiring of female academics. Professor Lewis Dexter, an eminent American political scientist who taught at Harvard, Johns Hopkins, MIT, the University of California at Berkeley and UCLA was hired to teach Politics 374b and Politics 435b/535b as a visiting professor, 1985

1.44 Includes discussion as to whether to continue or suspend admissions to the Judicial Administration Program. Included is An Agreement on the Terms and Conditions of Employment for Faculty from the Brock University Faculty Association and Brock University – July 18, 1986 – June 30, 1990. Professor Hull suggested that he teach a course in comparing Canada and Australia with a particular emphasis on the relationship of the mass media to the development of political culture and the political process, 1986


1.46 This file includes a letter to the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies which was prepared by Professors Siegel and Matheson. There is a report of the Long-Range Planning Committee and a copy of the course evaluation questionnaire. J.M. Miller prepared a report on academic and administrative relocations as part of the new construction/reconstruction program, 1988

2.1 Includes proposed changes for the M.A. program at Brock. Unresolved issues were addressed such as how many core courses were needed by Politics students and how many were needed for Judicial Administration students. Also included is discussion on how to replace Professor Fic after his retirement. Revisions were made to the graduate program. Politics 2P62 (Government and Politics) was added to the curriculum, 1988

2.2 Included is a schematic outline for Politics 190 organized according to “concepts” as well as a report from the Curriculum Committee, 1989

2.3 A Curriculum Committee report is included as well as a position profile for the Dean of Social Sciences of Brock University, 1990

2.4 The Politics Department announced the position opening in Asian Politics and Associate Director, Brock Centre for Canada and Asia Pacific, 1991

2.5 Juris Dreifelds requested a release time research award to research the break-up of the Soviet empire and the rebuilding of 15 former Soviet republics as sovereign and independent entities. A motion was approved to support Professor Dreifelds in this endeavor. A departmental retreat was held at Queen’s Landing, Niagara-on-the-Lake on May 22, 1992. A summary of the discussion is enclosed. Ken Kernaghan outlined threats to the department’s ability to maintain its size, quality and course offerings. Professor
Emeritus Victor M. Fic proposed a centre for Central and East European studies be created and located in the Department of Politics. The Honours Committee recommended that 2 courses be established: Politics 3P12 – Canadian Politics and Politics 4P30 – World Politics, 1992

2.6 The Graduate Student Advisor gave a report to the Politics Department. Also in this file are: guidelines for a graduate thesis – Politics 5F99 and style guidelines for Politics 5F90 and 5F99. A paper on Communication Studies Program procedures was also presented, 1992

2.7-2.8 William G. Webster, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences submitted a proposal to the Politics Department on the funding of graduate students. An Honours Symposium “Political Unity and Political Fragmentation in the Post-Cold War World” was held on January 28th. The keynote address was given by Gwynne Dyer and was entitled After the Wars, 1993

2.9 Included is a report from the Task Force on the M.A. Program, 1994

2.10 Includes discussion on Dean Webster’s Academic Plan for the Social Science Faculty. The Chancellor’s Lecture Series presented Rt. Hon. Joe Clark speaking on A Nation too Good to Lose? Also included are guidelines for Politics 4F99: Honours Thesis. Dan Madar submitted proposed revisions to departmental rules, 1995

Series III – Communications Studies Program: This program was begun at Brock in 1983. This was a Liberal Arts Program made up of three streams: Culture and Language, Social Policy and Business Communications. Memorandums and minutes of the Communication Studies Program Committee are included as well as curriculum reviews, 1989-1994

2.11 Included is a new course proposal for Communications 3F20 – Popular Narrative. An inaugural lecture series was held. It was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Graham Spry a moving force in Canadian Public Broadcasting and a recipient of an honorary degree from Brock University. There is a poster for these lectures with the title Canada, Culture & Communications: The Mass Media at the Crossroads. There is also a flyer put out by the Communications Studies Program at Brock. It is entitled Communication Studies whatever the Hell that is. A proposed course was brought forward – Basic Radio Production, 1989-1990

Includes guidelines for Communications 4F99 – Honours Thesis. A brief description of the Communication Studies Program is also within this file, 1993

The Second Decade: A Planning Document for the Communications Studies Program at Brock University, 1993-2003 was prepared by the Long-Range Planning Committee and the Curriculum Committee. A draft proposal was submitted for an agreement for the exchange of students between Brock University, Canada and State University of New York College at Fredonia, U.S.A., 1994

Enclosed is an evaluation of the Communications Studies Program, Faculty of Social Sciences, Brock University by Gertrude J. Robinson of McGill University. The response to the external review is included, 1995

Series IV – Brock University Faculty Club – Professor Hull served on the Faculty Club Executive, 1975-1986 (non-inclusive)

Included is the Brock University Faculty Club Constitution. Minutes, memorandums and guidelines are also within this file, 1975-1986 (non-inclusive)


Sub-Series A: Niagara Regional Police Inquiry Consultants Report: Media Relations. Under term 11 of the Order-in-Council establishing the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Niagara Regional Police Force, the Commissioner, the Honourable Judge W.E.C. Colter was charged with inquiring into and reporting upon the policies and practices of the Force relating to release of information to the news media and the state of existing relations between the Force and the news media. The executive summary and final report were written by William H.N. Hull, 1971-1989 (non-inclusive)


Correspondence regarding the Niagara Regional Police media study, 1989

Documents regarding the Niagara Regional Police media study including: the consultation process, people interviewed, a daily bulletin, information on Canadian Police Information Centre alerts, a training manual regarding media relations, by-law
no. 75-85, by-law no. 74-85, clippings, memorandums and an index to ex-Chief Gayder’s input into the consultation process, 1984-1987 (non-inclusive)

4.1 Coulter Commission 1989 questionnaire for force personnel, 1989 [restricted]

2.22 Executive summary and study related to term eleven of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Niagara Regional Police Force and a final report by William H.N. Hull, November 1989


3.2 The Problems of Responsibility in Controlling Monopoly Power, 1955

3.3 The Regulation and Operation of Radio in Australia and Canada: A Legislative Perspective – includes outline of dissertation, 1957

3.4 Report on Canadian Content, 1964

3.5 The Social Control of Broadcasting in Canada and Australia, 1972

3.6 Local Content in Canadian and Australian Broadcasting, [1974]

3.7 Culture by Regulation: A Critical Analysis of the Local Content Regulations in Canadian and Australian Television, 1976


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