

Committee of Heads of UK Law Schools (CHULS): Records, 1974-2009

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CHULS 01: Agenda, Minutes and Papers of Committee, 1974-2009

Extent and form: 4 archive boxes

Access: open 20 years after last date on file. **Closed items are designated in red.**

Administrative history: full sets of minutes and related papers were kept from the establishment of the Committee in 1974. The papers were usually kept by the Secretary (later Secretary/Treasurer).

Scope and content: from 1994 minutes of Executive Committee meetings are included with minutes of the whole Committee.

There is a gap in the official holdings from 1993-1994. This gap has been partially filled by Professor R W Painter, the then Secretary/Treasurer, depositing his copies of material sent to him in 1993/94 as a member of the Executive Committee. Some more gaps were plugged in 2020 by including papers from a deposit by Professor Stephen Bailey.

Archival history: the bulk of the material listed below was transferred to the Records of Legal Education Archives (now subsumed into the IALS Archives) in 1997 by Professor P Jackson, the Secretary from 1989-1992, and by Professor Painter.

Arrangement: chronological.

Item list:

Reference	Description	Dates
CHULS 01/01	Agenda, minutes and papers	1974-1975
CHULS 01/02	Agenda, minutes and papers	1976-1979
CHULS 01/03	Agenda, minutes and papers	1980-1983
CHULS 01/04	Agenda, minutes and papers	1984
CHULS 01/05	Agenda, minutes and papers	1985
CHULS 01/06	Agenda, minutes and papers	1986-1987
CHULS 01/07	Agenda, minutes and papers	1988
CHULS 01/08	Agenda, minutes and papers	1989
CHULS 01/09	Agenda, minutes and papers	1990
CHULS 01/10	Agenda, minutes and papers	1991

Reference	Description	Dates
CHULS 01/11	Agenda, minutes and papers	1992
CHULS 01/12	Minutes of Executive Committee, 9 Dec	1993
CHULS 01/13	Agenda, minutes and papers	1994
CHULS 01/14	Agenda, minutes and papers	1995
CHULS 01/15	Agenda, minutes and papers	1996
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CHULS 01/18	Agenda, minutes and papers	1999
CHULS 01/19	Agenda, minutes and papers	2000
CHULS 01/20	Agenda, minutes and papers	2001
CHULS 01/21	Agenda, minutes and papers [closed until 2023]	2002
CHULS 01/22	Agenda, minutes and papers [closed until 2024]	2003
CHULS 01/23	Agenda, minutes and papers [closed until 2025]	2004
CHULS 01/24	Agenda, minutes and papers [closed until 2026]	2005
CHULS 01/25	Agenda, minutes and papers [closed until 2027]	2006
CHULS 01/26	Agenda, minutes and papers [closed until 2028]	2007
CHULS 01/27	Agenda, minutes and papers [closed until 2029]	2008
CHULS 01/28	Agenda, minutes and papers [closed until 2030]	2009

CHULS 02: CHULS Working Party on Four Year Degrees - Papers of the Chairman and Secretary, 1978-1980

Extent and form: 4 folders

Access: open

Administrative history: in November 1978 the Heads of University Law Schools set up a working party to consider the implications of introducing Four Year Degrees in Law under the chairmanship of William Twining, then Professor of Law at the University of Warwick and an active CHULS member. The working party's objective was to gather information about the present situation in the UK and abroad and to make a practical case for the four-year degree.

Archival history: the material listed below was transferred by Professor Twining to the Records of Legal Education Archives in 1996.

Item list

Reference	Title	Dates
CHULS 02/01	Proposal by Professor Twining suggesting that CHULS should publicly press for four year degrees	1978
CHULS 02/02	Correspondence and papers of the Chairman and Secretary of the working party, including minutes of meetings and background information collected by the Secretary	1978-1979
CHULS 02/03	Correspondence and papers of the Chairman and Secretary of the working party, including minutes of meetings and background information collected by the Secretary	1979-1980
CHULS 02/04	Draft report of the working party [a final report was not produced]	1980

CHULS 03: CHULS Working Party on Implications for Law as a Discipline of the Leverhulme Report and the Circular Letter from the Chairman of the University Grants Committee No 16/88 - Papers of the Convenor, 1983-1984

Extent and form: 4 folders

Access: open

Administrative history: in November 25 1983 CHULS set up another working party to prepare a paper on the implications for law as a discipline of the Leverhulme Report and the Circular letter from the Chairman of the University Grants Committee No 16/83, Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, on a strategy for higher education in the 1990's. Professor Twining, then Professor of Jurisprudence at University College London, was appointed Convenor. The working party acted in close collaboration with a parallel working group of the Heads of Polytechnic Law Schools under the chairmanship of Mr Penry Oliver, although the two groups produced separate reports. The CHULS report was published in 1984 under the title *Law as an Academic Discipline: a response to the Leverhulme Report and the UGC letter on a strategy for Higher Education into the 1990's*.

Professor Twining was also engaged in preparing a similar response on behalf of the Board of Studies in Laws (University of London), and some papers relating to that report will be found mixed in with the CHULS papers.

Archival history: the material listed below was transferred by Professor Twining to the Records of Legal Education Archives in 1996.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CHULS 03/01	Background papers to the establishment of the working party, including a copy of the Swinnerton-Dyer letter, press clippings and articles	1983
CHULS 03/02	Chairman's papers relating to CHULS and Board of Studies in Laws working parties, with checklist of documents	1983-1984
CHULS 03/03	Correspondence concerning the setting up of the working party, circulation of the draft report and comments from university law schools. Includes the draft report of the Board of Studies in Laws working party	1983-1984
CHULS 03/04	Draft CHULS report and associated papers	1984
CHULS 03/05	Final report: manuscript [note: this ms differs from the final report printed in the <i>SPTL Newsletter</i> and elsewhere in that it has appendices, tables and a summary conclusion, none of which were included in the printed report]	1984

CHULS 04: Correspondence and Papers of Professor G Zellick, CHULS Chairman, 1988-1990

Extent and form: 2 boxes

Access: open

Biographical note: Professor Graham John Zellick (b.1948), Vice-Chancellor of the University of London since 1997, was Chairman of CHULS from 1988-1990. In this capacity he also served as a member of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education and the Council of Legal Education.

Scope and content: the series comprises files of action taken by Professor Zellick on particular issues noted in CHULS committee minutes, and comprise correspondence, background papers, members' responses, press cuttings and reports. Some earlier correspondence of the previous Chairman, Professor S M Cretney, is also included in some files.

Arrangement: the items listed below were arranged in no particular order and without file titles.

Archival history: the first item on the list below was deposited in the Archives by Professor Painter in May 1999. The remaining items were passed to the Archives by Professor Zellick in June of the same year. In August 2000 they were appraised, weeded to remove duplicates and ephemera, and added to the CHULS archive.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CHULS 04/01	Chairman's general correspondence file, chronologically arranged	1988-1990
CHULS 04/02	Correspondence and press cuttings concerning UGC selectivity exercise	1988-1990
CHULS 04/03	CHULS response to the Law Society's review of legal education: correspondence and papers	1988-1989
CHULS 04/04	CHULS comments on the recommendations of the Committee on the Future of the Legal Profession (Marre Report): correspondence and papers, including material from the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Education	1988-1989
CHULS 04/05	Qualifying law degrees working party, Jan 1989: correspondence and papers	1988-1990
CHULS 04/06	File of correspondence and background papers giving responses to letters sent out by Professor Zellick asking for responses and advice as to the requirement for core subjects in law teaching and on UFC (Universities Funding Council) funding for law schools	1988-1990
CHULS 04/07	UFC funding of law courses: Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on legal education papers	1988-1990
CHULS 04/08	UFC funding of law courses: correspondence, press clippings and returns	1989
CHULS 04/09	CHULS comments on Department of Education and Science consultation paper "Shifting the balance of public funding of higher education to fees": correspondence and papers	1989
CHULS 04/10	Government green paper on the work and organisation of the legal profession: correspondence, press clippings, returns, CHULS response	1989
CHULS 04/11	Correspondence with the CLE on the work and organisation of the legal profession	1989
CHULS 04/12	Academic staff recruitment and retention: correspondence, press clippings, returns and report	1989-1990
CHULS 04/13	Continuing legal education: correspondence and data on full-time law teachers without professional qualifications/law teachers joining the Bar	1989-1990
CHULS 04/14	File on legal research performance indicators	1989-1990

CHULS 05: File on CHULS' Participation in the Law Society's Joint Academic Consultative Committee, 1989-1990

Extent and form: two folders

Administrative history: the Academic Consultative Committee was established by the Law Society's Training Committee in 1989. It was a joint committee comprising members of the Law Society, CHULS and other law teaching institutions, law teachers, providers of continuing education and trainees. Its terms of reference were to act as a forum for consideration of matters concerning the role of teaching institutions and training providers in relation to the academic, vocational and continuing stages of education and training.

Archival history: this file was deposited in the Archives by Professor Painter in 1999.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CHULS 05/01 (Parts 1-2)	Chairman's file containing minutes and papers of the Committee, with Law Society papers and correspondence	1990

CHULS 06: Professor Nicholas Wikeley's papers relating to CHULS' response to HEFCE consultations on the review of Research Assessment Exercises (RAEs) and membership of RAE panels, 1995-2001

Extent and form: 1 archive box

Access: open

Administrative history: Professor Wikeley was nominated as the first point of contact for the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) on Research Assessment Exercises (RAEs) matters by CHULS' Executive Committee in October 1998. HEFCE was a non-departmental public body responsible for the distribution of funding for higher education to universities and further education colleges in England from 1992. It ceased to exist as of 1 April 2018.

Archival history: these records were deposited in the Archives by Professor Wikeley in 2008.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CHULS 06/01	Professor Wikeley's file on CHULS's responses to the HEFCE review of research policy and funding (RAEs)	1995-2000
CHULS 06/02	Professor Wikeley's file on CHULS's comments on the draft criteria of the 2001 research assessment exercise (RAE) Law Panel. Includes comments by law schools	2001
CHULS 06/03	Professor Wikeley's file on CHULS nominations for membership of the 2001 research assessment exercise (RAE) Law Panel	1998-2001

CHULS 06/04 Professor Wikeley's file on CHULS nominations for membership of the 2001 RAE specialist advisers panel and Scots sub-panel 1999

CHULS 07 Professor Stephen Bailey's papers as a CHULS officer, 1990-1998

Extent and form: 3 archive boxes

Administrative history: Professor Bailey was Treasurer of CHULS from 1993-1995, Vice Chair in 1996 and then Chairman.

Archival history: these records were deposited in the Archives by Professor Bailey in 2014.

Item list:

Reference	Title	Dates
CHULS 07/01/01-06	General correspondence (includes some Committee minutes)	1990-1997
CHULS 07/02	Professor Bailey's correspondence and reports as Treasurer	1993-1995
CHULS 07/03/01-02	Professor Bailey's correspondence and papers relating to the HEFCE RAE exercises. Includes Panel nominations and comments by law schools	1993-1998
CHULS 07/04/01-05	Professor Bailey's correspondence and papers as the CHULS representative on the Standing Conference on Legal Education. Includes minutes and papers of the SCLE	1994-1998