ABSTRACT:
These are the records of the President's Planning Group, authorized by President Harry B. Storke in 1968 to "study the role of Worcester Polytechnic Institute in the engineering and scientific community and to propose to the President and to the Faculty detailed plans for implementation of this role in the future..."

GENERAL INFORMATION:
The planning group was made up of faculty members. President Storke, members of the Board of Trustees, and Faculty had been concerned for some time about declining enrollment and an educational program that had not changed substantially for many years. It was hoped that this group would examine the educational program and, with input from the WPI community, propose some major changes.
The outcome of the group's work, incorporating planning days and input with the WPI community, was the WPI Plan, which radically changed undergraduate education at WPI.
The President's Planning Group dissolved itself in May of 1970. Implementation of the plan, begun by then, continued and was revised in following years.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:
This collection is made up of several small series. It is organized as far as possible chronologically.

It should be noted that the arranger in 2013 made some changes to an earlier organization of materials, in order to aid researchers in locating information and to document as far as possible the stages of development of the planning documents and the WPI Plan itself. Titled cardboard dividers for groups of folders have in some cases been re-arranged or removed, but any that were removed can be found in Box 5. These dividers may have shown the Planning Group's organization of the materials, and each has a letter attached, which can be linked to many of the folders which also have letters and numbers. What follows is a series list as folders are currently organized. The Planning Group was also referred to as the President's Planning Committee, so these terms are used interchangeably.

Series I contains WPI materials before the Planning Group began but relevant to its charge.

Series II includes the charge by President Storke to the Planning Group, the Group/Committee's meeting minutes, published statements, some financial analysis and other early 1969 notes, input from faculty and students, results of a questionnaire sent to recruiters from companies employing WPI graduates, and a committee status report sent to President Storke in March, 1969.

Series III is notes on Planning Day held April 16, 1969. It includes Recorders' minutes of Planning Day sessions.

Series IV contains reports and responses about "Two Towers Part III," and notes for and from, and comments after, Planning Day II, held October 3, 1969.

Series V contains material for Report Number IV, dated around December 1969 to March 1970. It also includes proposed amendments to "Two Towers IV by members of the Planning Committee.

Series VI is primarily correspondence with WPI community members and others in 1969 and 1970. In this series is the faculty vote in May 1970 on the Planning Committee Report.
Series VII is made up of articles and clippings about other colleges’ and universities’ programs and innovations, in 1969 and 1970. The first folder in this series has articles that made up a Planning Committee scrapbook.

Series VIII (in Box 5) has a folder with a box and folder/group list of the original arrangement of this collection. Also in Box 5 are placards with witty sayings, and some of the dividers used in the original arrangement.

### Development of the WPI Plan

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Memo to faculty and administration with charge to group, minutes of faculty executive committee regarding the planning group

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Memos and minutes of planning committee

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  - **Title:** College Environment and Student Life 1970
  - **Description:** Articles, recommendations, reports, correspondence

- **Box 03 Folder 07**
  - **Title:** 2. Financing and Cost Situation
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- **Box 03 Folder 15**
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  - **Description:** Memos, reports, brochures, articles

- **Box 04 Folder 01**
  - **Title:** May 1970
  - **Description:** From papers donated by Professor Hensel, who was secretary of faculty at that time

- **Box 04 Folder 02**
  - **Title:** C.W.S. Miscellaneous items 4th report
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  - **Title:** Mailing List-addresses
  - **Description:** Transcript of speech by Wishart, President of Division of Union Carbide - to WPI

- **Box 04 Folder 04**
  - **Date:** October 13, 1969
  - **Title:** "Management's Responsibility to its Employees"
  - **Description:** From Ed Clarke, Director of Research + Associate Dean of Faculty

- **Box 04 Folder 06**
  - **Date:** October 21, 1969
  - **Title:** Memos RE: Sloan Foundation Proposal
  - **Description:** Higgins' Report on his visit to WPI and his reactions to the Planning Committee proposals, focusing on student advisors and student services

- **Box 04 Folder 06**
  - **Date:** November 20, 1969 - February 16, 1970
  - **Title:** Correspondence with Dr. George Higgins of Trinity College and his Report
  - **Description:** Correspondence

- **Box 04 Folder 07**
  - **Date:** March - April 1970
  - **Title:** Student Advising and Concerns about Current System
  - **Description:** Memo, abstract, ballot, report of returns

- **Box 04 Folder 08**
  - **Date:** May 1970
  - **Title:** Faculty Vote on Planning Committee Report
  - **Description:** Letter to WPI Community from President Hazzard

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