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Introduction to the Collection

The Committee on Issues of Sexual Orientation (CISO), an Advisory Committee to the President of the University of South Florida, first convened in September 1993. Later renamed the Committee on Issues of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (CISOGI), this advisory body regularly meets with USF executive staff, human resources personnel, and representatives from the diversity and equal opportunity offices. This university-wide body has consulted with groups about adding non-discriminatory clauses and partner benefits for all employees, regardless of sexual orientation. In addition, this committee supports leadership initiatives and opportunities for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered students at the University of South Florida.

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The records of this university-wide organization, collected and maintained by Todd Simmons, Gerald Notaro, and Jim Schnur, fall under Record Group 151 (Office of the USF President) of the USF St. Petersburg Archives, Special Collections and Archives department, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library.

Scope and Contents

The contents occupy one document box (0.42 linear feet). This collection includes clippings, correspondence, memoranda, and reports related to the Committee's activities. The bulk of the collection (dates: 1994 to 1996) covers attempts by CISO to encourage state and university officials to enact policies that offer protection for students, staff, and faculty, regardless of sexual orientation. The overall collection (inclusive dates: 1988 to 2000) also includes brochures, clippings, and publications that mention activities of interest to the local gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community. For a broader review of issues facing the local community, consult issues of *Gazette* in Special Collections. Researchers interested in issues and resources important to gays and lesbians throughout the southeastern United States should contact the Stonewall Library and Archives, 1717 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311. The phone number at the Stonewall Library and Archives is 954-763-8565 and the institution's web page is located at <http://www.stonewall-library.org>.

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