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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/WALTER CONSUELO LANGSAM (1952-1955)

Biography:

Austrian born Walter Consuelo Langsam became Gettysburg College's eighth president in 1952. He earned his masters and Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1926 and 1930 respectively and served on its faculty as professor of history from 1927 to 1938. Langsam made many administrative changes immediately upon assuming his presidential duties such as establishing a business office, instituting a budget system and creating the position of Dean of Men. Unfortunately, controversy erupted during his short administration when faculty accused Richard C. Debus, the college's first business manager, brought on board by Langsam, of diverting excessive amounts of monies to buildings and grounds projects, and to the general business operations of the college instead of salaries and academic needs. He resigned his post in 1955.

Scope and Content Notes

The papers of Walter Consuelo Langsam span the period of his short presidency from 1952 to 1955 and consist primarily of correspondence, general college business, and local, state and national committees and associations such as the Gettysburg Women's League, Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Universities and the American Association of University Professors.

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- 4-3 Middle State Report, 1954
- 4-4 National Commission on Accrediting
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