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SOCIETY FOR STUDENT COUNSELLING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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Introduction

Background to the collection

The official founding of the organization for Student Counselling and Development (SCD) took place on 28 November 1978. It was founded under the first of its three names. The founders meeting of the Society for University Student Counselling in Southern Africa / Verening vir Universiteitstudentevoorigting in Suider-Afrika was held at the former University of Port Elizabeth on that day.

The founder's meeting took place at the conclusion of the conference of University Student Counsellors held from 27- 28 November 1978; present were representatives from the University of Cape Town, the former University of Durban Westville (known as Pietermaritzburg), the former University of Orange Free State, the former University of Port Elizabeth, the former Potchefstroom University, University of Pretoria, the former Rand Afrikaans University, Rhodes University, the former University of Rhodesia, University of Stellenbosch, University of the North, University of the Western Cape and University of Zululand. This made a total of 15 universities given that the two campuses of University of Natal were seen as belonging to one institution.

The development of Student Counselling in higher education in Southern Africa has been inextricably bound to the development of its professional organization. This organization has consistently provided a dynamic forum for vigorous debate during the process of establishing a platform for SCD as a profession and its growth towards a discipline with unique Southern African characteristics.

Initially known as the Society for University Student Counselling in Southern Africa 1978, its evolution necessitated two name changes. The first was in 1980 when Technikons were admitted as members and the word 'University' was dropped from the name. It then became the Society for Student Counselling in Southern Africa (SSCSA), the name by which it has been known for most of its existence. The second name change was in 2007 when it became the Southern African Association for Counselling and Development in Higher Education (SAACDHE). This was triggered by the reconfiguration of SCD within institutions resulting from a number of higher education mergers. Structurally the SCD profession was no longer placed only in organizational units including students counselling and development in their nomenclature. A variety of new structures had appeared which provided SCD under new umbrellas. These structures and their SCD service providers who continued to find a professional home in the SSCSA needed to be accommodated through certain constitutional changes which included a name change.

When SAACHE celebrated its 30th year of existence on 28 November 2008 this period represented half of the 60 years' life span of Students Counselling and Development since its first formal introduction into higher education in Southern Africa in 1948.

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3.	Annual general meetings Minutes and Annexures	1978 - 1990 2001- 2002
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8.	Memoranda about the task and positions of student counselling Politics and Ethics: cultural environment; services	1983 - 1991
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9.2	Trends in student counselling in South Africa	1997
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13.	Photograph albums	1988 ;1990

¹ Reports not complete