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## Biographical / Historical

The West Virginia United Students' Union (WVUSU) was established in the summer of 2023 by a small group of students concerned about the West Virginia University administration's plans to eliminate academic programs and faculty positions as a cost-saving measure. Their first public facing event, a campus-wide walkout, took place in the fall of 2023 and garnered national attention. As of the 2024-2025 school year, WVUSU remains active in campus affairs.

Source and more information available at <https://www.wvusu.org/>

## Scope and Contents

Includes materials related to the founding of the West Virginia United Students' Union and their activism at West Virginia University. Series 1 includes administrative material, like an early version of the organization's constitution, and protest items. Series 2 also includes both administrative material, like meeting minutes, and protest items, like signs used in the 2023 walkout. The protest items included in both series relate to WVUSU's efforts to combat the "WVU Transformation"/"Academic Transformation" budget cuts, reduction in force, and academic program elimination proposed by university administration in the spring of 2023.

The Addendum of 2025 October 23 includes assorted transcripts of speeches and remarks given by Christian Rowe, a West Virginia University alumni, news articles, clippings, and other material regarding the 2023 WVU Academic Transformation.