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### **Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean (A3)**

The position of Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs did not exist early on. Rodney Briggs upon the founding of UMM was the campus' chief executive officer, and he also performed the functions of the academic dean. According to the catalog for the 1961-62 year there was an Administrative Committee in place, and the Committee members, it would seem, collectively performed roles later formally assigned to the Dean. When Briggs resigned in 1969 John Q. Imholte assumed the position of "Academic Dean and Acting Provost." Two years later Gordon Bopp was named "Academic Dean." Bopp remained in that role until the 1979-81 academic year at which time Elizabeth (Bettina) Blake was named to replace Bopp. Blake resigned in 1995 and was replaced by Samuel Schuman. Meanwhile, the title changed in the 1987-1989 academic year, and the office was renamed "Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Dean." When Schuman became acting Chancellor in 1998 he appointed a series of so-called "Baby Deans" to administer the functions of that office. John Schwaller was then named Dean in 2002, and he was succeeded by Judith Kuechle on an interim basis in 2006 and Roland Guyotte in 2007. Cheryl Contant followed Guyotte in 2008.

### **Divisions (A3-E)**

This record series contains materials reflective of the Academic Dean Office's relationship with the various divisions and including the office of Continuing Education and Extension. Topics covered include curriculum, general education requirements, sabbaticals and leaves, salaries, tenure and other personnel issues. Materials are organized by division and chronologically but are otherwise unstructured. Materials consist of agendas, announcements, brochures, correspondence, invoices, memoranda, minutes, notes, reports and voucher. Of special note are the records from the Education Division on the "Health Fitness" major (file labeled "Education—Health, 1984-85, 1985-86); the early plans for HFA Building contained in the file, "Division of Humanities, 1970-71;" miscellaneous materials on retrenchment ("Humanities, Miscellaneous, 1981-82 and 1982-83;" the smattering of memos and correspondence congratulating faculty on publications, awards, leaves, etc.; the scattered copies of "Ideas, Idées, Ideen," a journal featuring student writing published by the foreign language disciplines (in various Humanities Division files Box 2); the files on the journal, "Midwest Studies in Philosophy" and the "Midwest Philosophy Colloquium;" the rather slender folders on the establishment and early years of the Geology discipline; the published report, "Follow-Up Studies of the Graduates of the University of Minnesota, Morris from 1980 to 1987" in the file labeled "Placement, 1989-90;" and the ample materials, including meeting agendas and minutes, on Division Chairs meetings.

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