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## UMM Miscellaneous and Correspondence: Correspondence (A1-K-g) contents

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## **Chancellor's Papers (A1)**

The Chancellor's Papers comprise a large record group and cover much of the period through the administration of Samuel Schuman. The materials are further divided into a number of discreet record series: Regents Materials, Budget, Campus Buildings, University Committees, UMM Committees, Syllabi, Enrollment, Financial Aid, Legislative Relations, All-University Senate, Student Organizations, Legal and Artifacts, and Miscellaneous and Correspondence. The latter record series proved to be unwieldy and in 2010 was reorganized into 22 record sub-series. These materials provide much of the administrative history of the campus.

Upon the establishment of UMM in 1960, Rodney Briggs, who had been hired to serve as superintendent of the West Central School of Agriculture and oversee the transition to the college program, was named Dean. Briggs served in this position until 1969 at which time John Q. Imholte was named Provost. In 1985 the title of the office was changed to Chancellor, and Imholte continued in that role until his return to the classroom in 1990. David Johnson replaced Imholte, and he, in turn, was succeeded by Samuel Schuman, originally in an interim role, in 1998. Jacqueline Johnson followed Schuman in 2006.

## **UMM Miscellaneous and Correspondence (A1-K)**

Materials in this series address a broad range of topics, including, advising, energy, alumni relations, administrative reorganization, annual reports, animal facilities, biographical sketches, community outreach, computer information, counseling and course offerings, disability services, institutional data, and safety and planning.

The record series which was originally haphazardly organized and unwieldy has been reorganized into twenty-two categories and assigned locator numbers: A1-K-a to A1-K-v.

## **Correspondence (A1-K-g)**

This subseries consists of a single box but spans primarily the administrations of Rodney Briggs and David Johnson. Only two folders from the John Q. Imholte administration are included, and no materials date from the Schuman and Johnson chancellorships. The material covers significant territory, and issues addressed range widely. Correspondence from the 1960s is from the Rodney Briggs administration (first as dean and then as provost) and topics covered included the American Indian tuition waiver, real estate boundary questions, the relationship of the college with the experiment station and conflict in the early years over grounds and building maintenance, early computing needs and the request for a remote terminal in Morris, scholarship issues, the West Central Educational Development Association (Edward LeFave, Jr. is a key figure here), the naming of buildings--including an original plan to name the library after Malcolm Willey--and athletic conference issues, to name a few. Much of the correspondence is with senior administrators at the Twin Cities campuses. An entire folder is dedicated to correspondence between Briggs and Steve Granger.

One folder of materials for Jack (John Q.) Imholte dates from the 1965-66 academic year and thus predates his chancellorship. Imholte in that year chaired the Social Science Division and his correspondence sheds an interesting light on the the nature of that position at that point in UMM history. Through the course of this year, at least as illustrated by his letters, Imholte dealt

with student complaints, negotiated with publishers, attempted to recruit historians, weighed in on personnel matters and offered advice and support to former students. The other folder, "Briggs Correspondence," contains letters between Imholte and Briggs following the latter's resignation in 1969.

David Johnson's materials are arranged alphabetically and by year. As with Imholte's records, Johnson's exchange of letters with Rodney Briggs is of interest. Johnson's correspondence touches upon a variety of other issues, and these range from faculty affairs, the college's relationship to the Morris business community, donors and fund-raising, parental complaints, etc. Taken together, Johnson's materials reveal the wide variety of problems and challenges--some trivial and others of great significance--faced by the chancellor in the 1990s.

The vast majority of materials are personal correspondence. Other records include handwritten notes, reports, memoranda, pamphlets and brochures.

Primary correspondents: John Q Imholte, Rodney Briggs, Steve Granger, Bettina Blake, David Johnson

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