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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.

Independent Studies and Inquiry (A1-K-n)

These materials consist primarily of correspondence, memoranda, and reports. Files included in this record sub-series primarily have to do with Inquiry, a common course for first-year students during the late 1980s and the first half of the 1990s. A few files, however, have to do with a couple of inter-disciplinary courses from the same period: one examining the nature of racism within American society and the other having to do with human sexuality. Other folders, apparently out of place, document faculty summer grants-in-aid from the graduate school and personnel issues within the Dean's office. The bulk of the Inquiry materials touch upon planning and organization, the discussion of course materials, and philosophical issues about the purpose and intent of the course. As the Inquiry program, especially in its later years, was surrounded with controversy, these materials speak to the conflict within faculty ranks over this program.

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