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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.

Visitors, Speeches, People (A1-K-t)

This record sub-series contains miscellaneous files covering a wide range of issues. Many of the folders document campus visits from various personages, although University of Minnesota officials (Malcolm Moos, C. Peter McGrath, and Nils Hasselmo) are most represented. Other files focus on people on campus and contain correspondence between the Chancellor (and earlier the Dean and Provost) and various staff and faculty. In addition, some materials, like the file on Fred Behmler, involve public figures important to the campus. Finally, the sub-series includes copies of speeches delivered by key administrators. Most of the materials consist of agendas, correspondence, memoranda, minutes, news clippings, reports and schedules.

The records involving central administrators touch upon significant issues such as pay equity, minority recruitment, faculty workloads, retrenchment, legislative requests and building plans. Of special interest is the official visit from a reporter from the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Nancy Livingston, in wake of the 1993 "Halloween Incident." The A1

Molde folder is also important and contains information--mainly as memos--about the athletic program and especially budget issues. The file on Malcolm Willey, a vice-president from TC campus who headed the "Morris Campus Advisory Committee" in 1959 carries great historical interest. A file labeled "Regents Visit, 1980" contains an important report on the status and health of UMM at that time.

Important speeches contained within these records include: the first "Cap and Gown Day" speech delivered by Rodney Briggs in 1964; an earlier speech given to the faculty by Briggs on May 7, 1962 entitled "Initiation of Self-Appraisal," in which he raised the question of UMM's future growth and development; Jack Imholte's speech ("Swingers and Clingers") upon his installation as provost. Another speech, "Our Future Agriculture will Require Continuous Change," is undated and is not attributed to an author, but it was apparently delivered by Rodney Briggs and lays out his vision of the future of American agriculture.

Some materials are obviously mis-labeled; a file entitled "Luther" does not involve the religious reformer but the Iowa College.

Correspondents: Rodney Briggs, John Q. Imholte, David Johnson, Samuel Schuman

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