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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.

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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.

WCEDA: West Central Educational Development Association (A1-K-v)

The WCEDA (West Central Educational Development Association) was a group of local business people and promoters of education within the region. Materials in this record-subgroup detail the group's activities from the late 1950s until the early 1990s and provide an important look at the early history of the campus and, more specifically, the local efforts, often behind-the-scenes, to build and sustain UMM. In addition, these records document the changing relationship between local supporters and college administrators and faculty as UMM grew and matured. Of special note is the seemingly complete listing of "WCEDA Newsletters." Also included are brochures, correspondence, rosters of members and financial donors, financial statements, meeting minutes, news clippings.

Correspondents: Edward LaFave, Edward Morrison, Willard Micklish, Rodney Briggs, John Q. Imholte, David Johnson

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