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General files and correspondence: Miscellaneous (A3-H-d) contents

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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.

General files and Correspondence (A3-H)
Originally, these materials were organized as a distinct series within the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs record group and categorized as "Miscellaneous." Because of the volume of materials and the range of topics covered, these records were further divided in 2010-11 into a number of different sub-series: Academic, Administrative, Correspondence, Miscellaneous, North Central Association, People, Students, Teaching and Employment. The Record Series was also renamed, "General Files and Correspondence." See the abstracts for the various sub-series for more detailed descriptions.

Miscellaneous (A3-H-d)
The materials in this record sub-series, dating mainly from the administrations of Gordon Bopp and Elizabeth (Bettina) Blake, were originally arranged as "Miscellaneous." The series was then renamed "General Files and Correspondence" and was reorganized into four different sub-series. The records in this sub-series are not easily classifiable into the other groupings of the series and, not surprisingly, engage a wide variety of topics.

Of special interest is the plethora of materials having to do with accreditation. These include materials related to North Central Association visits, self-study reports and documents pertaining to teachers’ education. Some records speak to personnel issues and more specifically to personnel concerns within the Psychology discipline in the early 1980s. Reports authored by Stephen Granger that document the changing profile of Morris students are also noteworthy. The subseries holds other documents relevant to recruitment, enrollment shifts and retention. Other materials date from Chancellor John Q. Imholte's retirement and detail celebration honoring his contributions to UMM. A single file documents a UMM Master's program in elementary education offered through Continuing Education and Extension in the 1980s.

Also of note are the Affirmative Action files mainly from the 1970s. Some files contain summary forms describing the affirmative action process for individual faculty searches and some materials speak to changed conditions in the wake of the Rajender Consent Decree.
Correspondents: Bettina Blake, William Campbell, Gordon Bopp, Chris Bekemeier, Jerry Rottier, Craig Kissock, Ted Underwood, Wilbert Ahern

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