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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.

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The materials in this record sub-series include records from the both the University and from various local and regional organizations dedicated to development. Much of the material involving regional planning is from the administration of Gordon Bopp, who was actively involved in local and agricultural issues. Of special interest in regards University and campus planning are the various annual and biennial reports, the building plans and legislative request files and various folders that speak to "Retrenchment and Reallocation." One folder, "Cluster College Plan and Recommendation for Growth at UMM, 1971" offers an alternative vision of campus size and structure during the formative period. Another file, labeled "Community Research and Development," contains materials that seem to anticipate the full development of CERP at UMM (1972). The file reflecting the work of the "UMM Academic Mission Statement Commission, 1971-72" is also noteworthy.

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