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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.

Minorities (A1-K-o)

This record sub-series contains a wide variety of materials pertaining to the experience of minority students. Topics include: recruitment, "Black History Week," the early years of "Gateway Program," and "World Touch Heritage Week." A small single-page file documents a plan from the late 1980s to institute a "Minority Visiting Program," which would bring guest faculty to campus for brief periods. Also of interest are the files from the late 1970s and early 1980s that involve the "Black Student Union" and a task force created to investigate a list of grievances drawn up by the Black Student Union.

Some materials are clearly misfiled and these include records pertaining to UMM's participation in the G.E. "College Bowl" program in the 1969-70 academic year. Other out-of-place materials have to do with fraternities and sororities and with "Campus Ministry" (1980s). A handful of files document the campus' "Women's Association" and its chapter of the "AAUW" (American Association of University Women").

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