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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.

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Materials in this sub-series consist of brochures, correspondence, memoranda, pamphlets, reports and surveys. Together they provide a look at some of the internal workings of the college from the 1960s to the 1990s. Some of the materials are promotional in nature, and some of the files contain records from various self-studies. Of special note are the materials from the 1960s that speak to issues of growth and development. See, for instance, the files labeled, "Development--UMM, 1961-61" and "Basic Information--UMM, 1962-63," which contains a document prepared by Rodney Briggs and Malcolm M. Willey defending UMM's status as a four-year institution. The folder, "Philosophy and Objectives--UMM, 1963-64" lays out a brief history and description of the campus as of that date and describes the nature of the curriculum, expectations for faculty, salary, etc. The materials in "Self-Survey, 1963" chronicle what seems to have been the first attempt at assessment. The files having to do with the "University Center" contain planning materials for Student Center construction.
Some records are reflective of all-University concerns. A number of folders document "University 2000," an attempt in the 1990s under the Presidency of Nils Hasselmo to reorganize the larger institution. Other records speak to student life, and the sub-series contains early handbooks and promotional materials. The file marked "Silhouette Brochure" contains an early promotional brochure. Also included are materials having to do with the "Office of University Relations."

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

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