St. John’s University (Collegeville, Minn.). College of Arts and Sciences. Office of the Dean.

Records, 1938-

SJU Archival Collection 10

99.85 cubic ft. (210 archive boxes) as of June 4, 2020

ABSTRACT: Collection contains records of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from St. John’s University.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: The collection includes minutes, correspondence, reports, statistics, and financial records. Frequent topics include academic departments, faculty development, curriculum, and scholarships.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY: When the office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences was established in 1921, St. John's University included the Seminary, the College, and the Preparatory School. The Abbot was the President. He was assisted by the Rector, also called the Vice President. The Dean of the College was therefore responsible for a division of the University, and particularly for its academic program.

In 1979, the office of the Dean of the College was split from that of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Dean's responsibilities included overseeing academic advising and freshman Colloquium, coordinating faculty assignments, and making recommendations about faculty hiring and promotion. Academic Deans have also been involved in planning curriculum and conducting assessment. The Deans have been:

Severin Gertken, OSB  1921-1923
Virgil Michel, OSB  1923
Gilbert Winkelmann, OSB  1924
Mark Braun, OSB  1924-1932
Walter Reger, OSB  1933
Virgil Michel, OSB  1933-1938
Walter Reger, OSB  1938-1939 (Acting Dean)
Ernest Kilzer, OSB  1939-1943
Martin Schirber, OSB  1943-1952
Arno Gustin, OSB  1952-1958
Dunstan Tucker, OSB  1958-1967
Hilary Thimmesh, OSB  1967-1969
John Lange  1969-1972 (and Academic Vice President)
Gunther Rolfson, OSB  1971-1979
Robert Spaeth  1979-1988
Dietrich Reinhart, OSB  1988-1991
Joseph Farry  1991-1996
Cheryl Knox  1996-1997 (Acting Dean)
Cheryl Knox  1997-2003
Rita Knuesel  2003-2006 (Associate Provost/Academic Dean, CSB/SJU)
Joe DesJardins  2006-2007 (Interim Academic Dean and Associate Provost, CSB/SJU)
Joe DesJardins  2007-2011 (Academic Dean and Associate Provost, CSB/SJU)
Richard Ice  2011-2014 (Academic Dean)
Karen L. Erickson  2014-2017
Barbara May  2017-

ARRANGEMENT: The files are organized alphabetically.

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS: The collection is open to all members of the public, and there are no access restrictions on most of the materials. Access to some personnel information is restricted. See Archivist.

COLLECTION CITATION: This collection should be cited as:

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RELATED COLLECTIONS: See also AC 02, Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost.


INVENTORY: For contents, search for “Dean of the College” in the Inventory List (http://apps.csbsju.edu/sjuarchives/Inventory.aspx).
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