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Abstract:	This collection is made up of materials related to the changes that took place at the University At Albany in the mid-1980s across the uptown and downtown campuses. This included a reorganization of the library and integration of new digital systems.

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Administrative History

The Vice President for Academic Planning and Development oversaw changes to the overall program offered at the University at Albany in the mid-1980s. John W. Shumaker was the Vice President for Academic Planning and Development. He worked for SUNY Albany from 1977 to 1987, first as the Dean of the Humanities and Fine Arts before being promoted to Vice President. During this time the University sought to become more supportive of research being done on campus. Two separate programs were committed to. One was to expand the library's holdings and become more of a research library. This also meant expanding the variety of the library's holdings to support new programs such as Asian or

African Studies. Included with these materials are plans from SUNY Binghamton who the University at Albany used as a model to develop their new library.

The other was to support research programs in the sciences. More resources were put towards supporting work being done for outside institutions. The goal was to connect faculty and students to investors looking to support new research. This was described as being a response to the growth of support in entrepreneurial ventures during the 1980s. This, like the library development, was part of a SUNY wide initiative.

The last major program represented in this collection is related to the development of the SUNY Albany program for incoming freshman students. This was in response to a changing view on how students experience college and also the reasons for attending college. The Vice President supported the idea of changing the experience of first year students in the wake of a changing world. Like the other proposals there was a committee created to investigate these proposed changes.

Scope and Contents

This collection has materials created by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Planning and Development. It consists of correspondence, reports from committees created by the Vice President, reports created by other universities, meeting minutes written by committees, and five year plans crafted for the university. These materials cover various topics such as expansion of the academic and social program on campus, introduction of new technology made available to students, as well as an expansion of research initiatives across the University.

Arrangement of the Collection

Collection is arranged in the original order it was recieved in.

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Acquisition Information

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Processing Information

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