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I. Descriptive Summary

Provenance: Nova University, Office of the President

Title: Records of University President Stephen Feldman

Dates: 1992-1994

Abstract: Administrative records of Stephen Feldman, third president of Nova University

Extent: 4 boxes

II. Biographical Sketch

Stephen Feldman was born on September 11, 1944 in New York. He graduated from City University of New York in 1966 with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. Feldman continued his education at CUNY, obtaining a master's in business administration (1968) and a PhD in Business (1971). He co-authored two books and published articles in the area of finance and investing.

Feldman began his career in academia in 1969 as an associate professor in the Department of Banking, Finance, and Investments at Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York. He left Hofstra University in 1977 to become the Dean for the Ancell School of Business at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury. In 1981, Feldman became the President of Western Connecticut State University and remained in the post for eleven years. In February 1992, Stephen Feldman was appointed President of Nova University, effective July 1992.

His resignation took effect on June 30, 1994, two years before his contract was set to expire. After leaving Nova, he became the Vice President at Ethan Allen, Inc. He married Constance, a fellow student from CUNY, in 1969. They have two children, Jennifer and Timothy.

III. Scope and Content

General Correspondence, clippings, memos, and agendas are present in the administrative records of Stephen Feldman, third president of Nova University (later known as Nova Southeastern University). The bulk of the material is from his inauguration on January 22, 1993 through his resignation on June 30, 1994.

The correspondence deals with the daily activities of the University, especially with Board of Trustees and donors. Only a few letters are originals and the copies were originally bound quarterly in soft-cover binders. Clippings from local publications cover President Feldman's arrival and departure from Nova as well as overviews on Nova University in general. There are two bound diaries that contain the daily appointments of the President.

The most significant event documented in the collection is the merger of Nova University and Southeastern University of the Health Sciences which officially took place on January 1, 1994. Other events include the establishment of a recycling program, membership in the South Florida Education Center cooperative, and the opening of the Miami Dolphins Training Facility on the main campus. A significant amount of the collection concerns the planning and

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execution of Stephen Feldman's inauguration as President. A large binder contained the planning documents of different events associated to the inauguration; it was disassembled but dividers were kept. There is also a 3 ½ floppy disk with documents related to the inauguration.

IV. Access or Use Restrictions

Presidential collections are closed to the public. Permission must be obtained from the current University President. Certain files are restricted to protect identities of former staff and/or students.

V. Contents List

See "Feldman Folder List" for full list of files.