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I. Descriptive Summary

Provenance: Nova University, Office of the President

Title: Records of University President Warren J. Winstead

Dates: 1961-1969

Abstract: Administrative records of Warren J. Winstead, first president of Nova Southeastern University

Extent: 7 boxes

II. Biographical Sketch

Warren J. Winstead was born November 10, 1927 in Virginia. He obtained his A.B. and M.S. from the University of Richmond. He later obtained a C.A.S. and Ed.D from Harvard University in Education. Winstead served as Director of Education for the United States Army servicemen and their dependents in Europe before coming to Nova University in 1964.

Warren Winstead resigned as President of Nova University of Advanced Technology, Inc. on November 3, 1969 with nine months notice. Dr. Abraham Fischler, Dean of the Hollywood Education Center was appointed Executive Vice President in his stead (and later elected President in August 1970).

Winstead married Elizabeth Ferguson in 1959 and their son was born in 1960.

III. Scope and Content

Financial records, minutes from Board of Trustees meetings (1969), departmental memos, and correspondence comprise the bulk of the Winstead papers (1964-1970). The beginnings of a university are documented in these papers through budgets, bank account statements, cancelled checks, and contracts for land. Coverage of the University's fundraising campaigns and lists of donors are included in these files for 1968-1969.

The University was officially chartered December 4, 1964 as part of the South Florida Education Center in Broward County. Classes officially began on September 25, 1967. The graduate degree programs offered at inception included: science education, physical sciences, and oceanography.

Fiscal difficulties for the Nova Southeastern University are evident through meeting minutes and newspaper clippings covering the possible mergers sought with other local universities. In 1969, talks began of a partnership with the New York Institute of Technology. There are multiple files covering this negotiation. The Board of Trustees' voted on June 23, 1970 to join with NYIT the event that saved Nova University from closing.

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 "Winstead Folder List" for contents.