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A Guide to the Records of the Executive Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Technology Dr. John A. Scigliano

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I.   Descriptive Summary

Provenance: Nova Southeastern University, Office of the President
Title: Records of Executive Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Technology, Dr. John A. Scigliano
Dates: 1969-2000 (1980-1996)
Abstract: Administrative records of Dr. John A. Scigliano, Executive Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Technology at Nova Southeastern University
Extent: 39 boxes

II.   Biographical Sketch

Dr. John A. Scigliano was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and attended the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie-Mellon University. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University and a Master of Science from the University of Florida. Dr. Scigliano pursued his doctorate 1968-1971 and graduated in 1971 from the University of Florida with an interdisciplinary cognate in Higher Education Administration, Industrial and Systems Engineering, and Management.

In the 1950s, Scigliano joined the Marine Corps and trained in Florida as a fighter pilot. Dr. Scigliano left the Marine Corps, where he served as a First Lieutenant, in 1959. He returned to Pittsburgh for five years and moved back to Florida in 1964 to work at Broward Community College where he headed the electronics department. The late 1960s were a turbulent time working in higher education in southern Florida and Scigliano decided to obtain his doctorate and then moved to the University of Georgia to teach.

Around the early 1970s, Scigliano and President Abraham S. Fischler started talking about an external degree, or distance learning, program that Fischler was interested in starting at Nova College. Scigliano moved to Fort Lauderdale in June 1971 and started at Nova as the Registrar, a teacher, and in charge of Financial Aid. He helped found field based programs during this time and an EdD Leaders Program. In 1979 Scigliano left Nova for a position at Kent State University in Ohio as the Director of the Center for Higher Education.

By 1981, Scigliano was back at Nova. In 1983, he was the founding Dean of the Center for Computer-Based Learning (now the Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences) and where he was influential in setting up the first online graduate degree program in the nation in that same year. In 1989 he was promoted to Vice President for Computer and Information Technology and eventually he served as Executive Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Technology at Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Scigliano has authored several documents having to do with higher education and online delivery systems.

III.   Scope and Content

Strategic plans, student surveys, SACS accreditation documentation, materials on computer based higher education and online education models are present in the administrative records of Dr. John A. Scigliano. The majority of the files' coverage is of the period of time Scigliano was affiliated as Dean of the Center for Computer-Based Learning and VP for Computer and Information Technology. As the founding Dean, these materials are key to understanding the history of what would become the

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Graduate School of Computer and Information Sciences. The collection offers a very thorough portrayal of the Center during the 1980s and 1990s. The challenges of a growing Center and a consequently growing university are evident in the administrative files.

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