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From the Chancellor

The Board of Regents met last week, and following is a very brief outline of the major activities directly related to the Crookston campus. The Regents have now formally approved the biennial budget proposal that was mentioned previously. It has been received positively in the press, both nationally and more locally, and in informal meetings with state government officials. As I mentioned before, we all need to be advocates for this proposal which will help us provide the very best education possible for students at the University of Minnesota. The Regents also formally approved the annual University Plan, Performance and Accountability Report as well as a proposal for a certificate in taxation to be offered by our Business Department. Also noteworthy was our own Gary Willhite’s participation in the presentation of the Report on Public Safety, which was very well received.

We continue to make good progress in preparation for the national recruitment for our next vice chancellor of academic affairs, who will be the chief academic officer for our campus and will provide primary leadership in advancing our academic mission. As mentioned earlier, I am very pleased that Bill Peterson, professor of mathematics, and Carol Carrier, special assistant to the senior vice president for system academic administration and professor of organizational learning, policy, and development, have agreed to co-chair the search. With their assistance and the assistance of many others I am happy to now provide the list of members of the search committee who were selected to provide broad representation from across the campus:

- Michelle Christopherson, director of the Center for Adult Learning
- Brian Dingmann, associate professor of biology
- George French, associate professor of music and theater
- Kim Gillette, director of international programs
- Kenneth Johnson, instructor of marketing
- Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, associate professor of early childhood education
- Denis Maier, assistant professor of management
- Peter Phaiah, associate vice chancellor for student affairs
- Dan Svedarsky, professor of natural resources and director of the Center for Sustainability
- Adam Switzer, president of the Crookston Student Association
- Kristie Walker, assistant professor of golf and turf management
- Lyle Westrom, professor of dairy science and agricultural education

This is an excellent group of individuals who will serve and represent the university very well in this extremely important effort. I am very appreciative that these campus citizens are willing to commit their time and energy to this task. The search committee will meet within the next couple of weeks, at which point they will receive their formal committee charge and provide input on the developing position description. In November the committee will also embark on a series of listening sessions to
hear from the campus community. In the meantime, however, please feel free to contact any of them to share your thoughts regarding this important appointment. Plans are to advertise and recruit nationally during the months of December and January. The committee will then review the applications and hold confidential semi-finalist interviews during the month of February with the hope of having on-campus interviews during March.

Finally, over the past couple of weeks we’ve had a number of campus visitors ranging from those who work at the University of Minnesota’s Twin Cities campus or somewhere else within the U of M system to many prospective students and their families. By all accounts these visits have gone extremely well due to the efforts of the many folks who organized the visits, provided presentations, gave tours, and offered a welcoming smile. It is the people that make UMC the special place it is, and this was highlighted by our visitors in their remarks to me and others. Thank you.

—Fred
Fred E. Wood, Chancellor
University of Minnesota, Crookston

**Featured Events & Activities**

**Solo Piano Recital by Guest Artist John McKay, Tuesday, October 23** — 7 p.m., Evergreen Hall, free and open to the public

**Meet the Candidates Forum, Wednesday, October 24** — 7 to 10 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, free and open to the public

**uMobile Tech Support Session for Faculty and Staff, Thursday, October 25** — 2 to 4 p.m., Kiehle 116, schedule an appointment at [http://cmyu.UMCrookston.edu/UMobile](http://cmyu.UMCrookston.edu/UMobile)

**UMC Women’s Commission Planning Meeting, Thursday, October 25** — 4 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**Halloween Carnival for Kids, Saturday, October 27** — Noon to 4 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, free for all area children - suggested for ages 2 to 12 years

**Haunted Red River Cemetery Scare Event, Wednesday, October 31** — 6 to 10 p.m. on the grounds just north of Centennial Hall and west of the Sports Center, open to the public, suitable for ages 8 and older, admission is $2 for students with I.D., $4 for all others, half price for those bringing a non-perishable food item, event parking in Parking Lot G near Kiehle Building

**Admissions Hosts Campus Preview Day, Saturday, November 3** — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., check-in at Sargeant Student Center

**Music on Monday Featuring Preston Pugmire, Monday, November 5** — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center

**Election Day, Tuesday, November 6** — polls in Minnesota open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.
Torch and Shield Recognition Banquet, Wednesday, November 7 – 5 p.m. reception and registration, 6 p.m. program, Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, followed by banquet in Brown Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center. Cost is $25 per person, by invitation. It is imperative that those who plan to attend RSVP and contact Sue Dwyer at 218-281-8401 by October 29.

International Education Week, November 12-16

For details on these and a comprehensive listing of other events or to discover what’s happening this week, visit UMC Today at www.umcrookston.edu/today or review our news page at http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news.

Learn more about events across the entire University of Minnesota system via Brief: www.umn.edu/twincities/faculty-staff/brief.

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

Jason Rohloff, special assistant to President Kaler for governmental relations, made his first visit to the Crookston campus on Wednesday, October 17. During his visit he met with Chancellor Fred Wood; Peter Phaiah, vice chancellor of student affairs; Corby Kemmer, director of development and alumni relations; and Andrew Svec, director of communications, public relations, and marketing. In addition to these meetings, he toured the campus including informational stops at the residence halls, the Sports Center, Admissions, and UTOC.

Pam Wheelock, the U of M’s new vice president for university services, is scheduled to make her first visit to the Crookston campus on Friday, November 2. She began her role at the U of M on August 15, 2012, bringing more than 25 years of leadership experience and accomplishments in the private, public and nonprofit sectors—spanning city, state, and federal levels of government, including economic development, the Governor’s cabinet, and the state finance commission.

Official enrollment statistics for fall semester 2012 have been released. Enrollment for the Crookston campus is comprised of 1,802 undergraduates (degree-seeking students) and 962 non-degree students (includes College in the High School and Post-Secondary Enrollment Option students). Of the 1,802 undergrads, 686 are online-only students, and 1,116 attend classes on-campus; 1,328 are full-time (enrolled in 12 or more credits), and 474 are part-time (enrolled in 11 or fewer credits).

Academic Affairs –

A proposal for the U of M, Crookston Business Department to offer a certificate in taxation was approved at the October meeting of the Board of Regents. Awarded upon successful completion of twelve credit hours including Acct 3220 Accounting Systems, Acct 4404 Income Tax I, Acct 4405 Income Tax II, and Acct 4420 Income Tax Preparation, this certificate is available to both on-campus and online students. The certificate in taxation is designed to prepare the student for a career in tax preparation, including individual, farm, business, trusts, estates, payroll, and estate taxes and to equip students with the knowledge to pass the IRS registered tax return preparer competency test.
The Office of the Registrar plans to have the **Spring Semester 2013 Class Schedule** posted and available for reference on Monday, October 29, which is earlier than expected. The schedule will be available online at [www.umcrookston.edu/classschedule](http://www.umcrookston.edu/classschedule). Registration dates remain unchanged. Scheduled registration times will begin on Monday, November 12, and open registration will begin on Friday, November 30. The first day of classes for Spring Semester is Monday, January 14, 2013.

**Student Affairs –**

The Department of Student Affairs has partnered with the local Ampride Taxi Service (218-281-2000) to develop the **Safe Ride Home Initiative**. The overall goals are to keep students safe and to encourage them to make safer choices. This pilot program will subsidize $2 of the local $5 taxi fare rate in Crookston, Monday through Sunday from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. It is intended for students who need a safe ride home to campus or their local residence in Crookston due to unsafe or risky situations such as:

- The student is under the influence/intoxicated and should not drive.
- The student is at a location where she/he feels threatened.
- Weather conditions make it dangerous to walk home.

In order to receive the discounted fare during these times, a student would need to inform the taxi driver she/he is a UMC student and needs a safe ride home. The student would need to provide the driver with a current UMC ID Card.

Staff from the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management, along with faculty and staff from various academic and support units on campus, will take part in the first annual **Northern Valley Career Expo on Wednesday, October 24**, at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, N.D. More than 1,200 students from 18 regional school districts are expected to attend. Staff from UMC’s Center for Adult Learning will bring a group of Crookston High School sophomores to the event as part of the Achieve More Project.

Anyone interested in helping to create the **UMC Women's Commission** and develop this year's programs and projects is welcome to attend an open meeting on Thursday, October 25, at 4 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Contact Lisa Samuelson at 218-281-8507 for more information.

**International Programs**

**International Education Week, November 12-16**, is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is celebrated at hundreds of colleges and universities across the country and is an important part of efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States. Watch the [UMC Today Page](http://www.umcrookston.edu/today) for a series of events planned by UMC’s Office of International Programs in celebration of International Education Week. One of the highlights is the International Market, scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, November 14, in Bede Ballroom.

**Center for Adult Learning –**
Eric Morgan has been hired as an online student personnel coordinator in the Center for Adult Learning. He is originally from Crookston and graduated from UMC in May 2012 with a B.S. in business management and marketing. This past summer Eric interned at the Crookston Chamber of Commerce, where he gained marketing experience and was able to network with many people in Crookston and the surrounding community. Eric will assist the Center for Adult Learning with the Digital Campus Calling Center, which serves the entire University of Minnesota system.

Development & Alumni Relations –

The annual Torch & Shield Recognition Event will be held on the evening of Wednesday, November 7, with 5 p.m. reception and registration, 6 p.m. program in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, followed by a banquet in Brown Dining Room, Sahlstrom Conference Center. Cost is $25 per person, by invitation. It is imperative that those who plan to attend RSVP by contacting Sue Dwyer at 218-281-8401 by October 29. Torch & Shield Award recipients for 2012 include Alan Cattanach, general agronomist at American Crystal Sugar Company in Moorhead, Minn.; Wayne Goeken, director of the International Water Institute's Center for Watershed Education; and Otter Tail Power Company, whose headquarters are located in Fergus Falls, Minn. The Torch & Shield Award is the highest honor presented by the U of M, Crookston.

Athletics –

The Women’s Western Equestrian Team hosted the annual home fall competition this past weekend at the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) and had several strong individual performances highlighted by a High Point Rider title for Kaytlin Weiger, a senior from Duluth, Minn., on Saturday and a Reserve High Point Rider title Sunday. Learn more.

Golden Eagle Baseball will host Full Catastrophe Pitching and Catching Clinics, suggested for ages 8 to 18, on October 28 and November 4, 11, and 18. Four weekly one-hour sessions will be held each Sunday at 1, 2, 3, and 4 p.m. in the UMC Sports Center’s turf room located behind the weight room. Cost is $40 for all four sessions. The camp will be run by Golden Eagle Pitching Coach Dave Williams with help from Head Coach Chris Vito as well as various UMC players. Learn more.

The U of M, Crookston Baseball Team will host its fifth annual fundraiser dinner at the Crookston Eagles Club on Thursday, November 8. A social will be held at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program featuring special guest speaker Tod Brown. Brown is entering his sixth season as the head baseball coach at North Dakota State University. Cost of the dinner is $35 for prime rib or walleye. All proceeds will benefit Golden Eagle Baseball. Learn more.

University of Minnesota System
The Board of Regents approved President Kaler's biennial budget request and legislative proposal for fiscal years 2014–15 at its October meeting. The U has submitted the request to the state and will pursue the proposal during the 2013 legislative session. The board also heard a workforce and mission cost analysis outlining how the U will define personnel and non-personnel costs related to mission and administrative oversight. In addition, the board reviewed a proposed entrepreneurial leave policy that would support faculty in commercializing intellectual property or pursuing other private sector development opportunities. The next Board of Regents meetings will take place December 13-14. Learn more. 

Campus and Community

The Legislative Committee of the Crookston Chamber of Commerce and the University of Minnesota, Crookston will host a Meet the Candidates Forum on Wednesday, October 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. The schedule of candidates for the evening is as follows: 7 p.m. – Polk County commissioner candidates; 7:35 p.m. – Crookston School Board candidates; 8:15 p.m. – Crookston City Council candidates; 9 p.m. - Minnesota State House District 1B and Minnesota State Senate District 1 candidates.

Student clubs and organizations will host a Halloween Carnival for Kids on Saturday, October 27, from Noon to 4 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. The event is free and intended for area children ages 2 to 12 years old. Food donations for the North Country Food Bank will be accepted. Children can take part in many different games, coloring, and face painting. There will also be door prizes. Delta Theta Sigma will host the event with assistance from the Animal Science Association, Black Student Association, Pre-Vet Club, Peer Connections, Ag-Arama, and others.

Students and staff from the Office of Residential Life and Security will do their best to frighten those who attend the Haunted Red River Cemetery, a walk-through scare event on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31, from 6 to 10 p.m. The event, open to the public and suitable for kids ages 8 and older, will take place on campus on the grounds just north of Centennial Hall, directly east of the main entrance to the campus. The cost to attend is $2 for students with I.D. and $4 for all others. Event parking will be in Parking Lot G near Kiehle Building. Those who donate a non-perishable food item will receive half-priced admission. All monetary proceeds will go to support the Crookston Humane Society.

Accolades

David Seyfried, PhD, a faculty member in the Liberal Arts & Education Department, presented at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association meeting in Chicago on September 30, 2012. He presented the research from his recent doctoral dissertation, “An Evidence Based Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Continuous In-Service Police Pursuit Training in Minnesota.”

The Bremer Foundation has awarded a grant for $50,000 to the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES) at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. The grant, which provides $25,000 each year for two years, offers operational support to extend the unique entrepreneurial assistance services and programming of CRES to northwestern Minnesota. It will also focus on developing entrepreneurial
awareness among area high school and U of M, Crookston students. Susan Brorson, head of the Business Department, serves as the principal investigator for the grant which was written by Kevin Cooper, director of CRES, and Rachel Lundbohm, the Center's assistant director. Learn more. http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2012/10/center-for-rural-entrepreneuri-3.html

Deb Zak, regional director, Northwest District, U of M Extension, was among six recently honored by Extension Dean Bev Durgan for their exemplary work in helping Minnesotans improve their lives through Extension research and education. She was honored for Distinguished Outstanding Leadership. Learn more. http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umnext/news/2012/10/u-of-m-extension-dean-honors-dan-dolan-faculty.php

A team of students from the U of M, Crookston placed second overall at the Mid-America Collegiate Horticultural Society (MACHS) Competition, held recently at South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D. The team consisted of four juniors, all majoring in horticulture and coached by Theresa Helgeson, lab services coordinator, and Sue Jacobson, instructor in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department. Ashlynn Hartung, Lindstrom, Minn., placed first in woody plant identification, first in herbaceous plant identification, and earned first place overall individual honors. Tim Staudahar, Hibbing, Minn., took first place in woody plant identification as well as herbaceous plant identification, and he finished as the third place overall individual. Other members of the winning team were Catlin Kersting, Cloquet, Minn., and Mitch Sledge, St. Louis Park, Minn. Learn more. http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2012/10/u-of-m-crookston-team-places-s.html

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