**U of M, Crookston Campus E-Update**

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Please note: the next edition of U of M, Crookston Campus E-Update is scheduled to publish on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

**From the Chancellor**

At the Board of Regents meeting last week, a most notable decision related to UMC was to add our Wellness Center to the list of the University’s capital projects in its proposal to the state. This is very good news for our students and for our entire community. While this is just a single step of several steps ahead for this project, it is an important one and is the result of the work of many. I would like to thank those who, over the years, have spent much time in meetings and phone calls, in touring campus visitors, and in advocating for this critically important campus facility. It was wonderful to see the regents speak specifically in support of this facility for our campus. They recognize, first and foremost, that it is a facility that will help us with student success by assisting in our efforts to recruit and retain students. As we discuss the design of this facility, it also has the potential to be transformational for the campus in terms of building a stronger campus community and strengthening links with the surrounding community. The work of advocacy and garnering support for this project will now commence in earnest, and I hope you will join in providing your support when opportunities arise.

As I complete my first semester in service as your chancellor, I have been struck by how my days can be completely consumed by organized meetings. While these meetings are very important to the work of campus, they unfortunately don’t allow for more informal conversations with the staff, faculty, and students on campus. It may seem obvious, but I think it is important for a chancellor to talk with others on campus, and I clearly need to intentionally find the time. For this reason, I have asked Chris Winjum to schedule lunchtime small group meetings with staff and faculty. I am also working with the Crookston Student Association and other student leaders to devise a parallel set of meetings with students in a manner that is not yet finalized but which we are tentatively calling “Chocolate with the Chancellor” due to my proclivity for Widman’s chocolate! Chris will be contacting folks to schedule these meetings, set to begin next semester. There will be no formal agenda, and we can talk about whatever we choose. It is my hope that these meetings will allow us to get to know each other better and for you to share your stories about UMC.

I have always enjoyed the end of the fall semester. While it is a very busy time with work related to both completing the term and preparing for the holidays, it also marks the nearing of the winter break which provides time to both reflect and refresh. As I begin this time of reflection, I want to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve as your chancellor and for all that we have accomplished together these past few months. I hope the semester ends well for each of you. I also hope you find some time to rest and relax over the winter break as well as to begin preparations for spring semester. I look forward to seeing you again in January—the start of what I am certain will be a
great new year for UMC. I offer my best wishes to all of you for a great semester break and a wonderful holiday!

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

Featured Events & Activities

Final Exams, Monday, December 17, through Thursday, December 20

Director of Institutional Effectiveness Candidate Presentation, Tuesday, December 18 – 8:30 to 9:30, 116 Kiehle Building

Holiday Luncheon for Faculty and Staff, Thursday, December 20 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Brown Dining Room

Residence Halls Close, Thursday, December 20 – 4 p.m. – resident students may register to stay in the halls over break at an additional cost, but they must register with the Office of Residential Life

Campus Holidays: Monday, December 24; Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas; Monday, December 31; Tuesday, January 1, 2013 – New Year’s Day – campus offices closed

Fall Semester 2012 Grade Entry Deadline, Thursday, December 27 – grades will be available for viewing online on Friday, December 28

First Day of Classes for Spring Semester 2013, Monday, January 14, 2013

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday, Monday, January 21 – classes excused, campus offices close

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 –

All campus community faculty and staff are invited to attend the annual UMC Holiday Luncheon in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, on Thursday, December 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This includes UMC, the NWROC, Extension, the NWRSDP, and the NW AHEC. This year’s theme is "Decorate Yourself," and faculty and staff are encouraged to dress in whatever way that means to them. A complimentary meal of pasta with sauce and meat options, Italian vegetables, breadsticks, and assorted beverages will be served. Contact Melissa Parkin, Dining Services, with special dietary needs. Attendees may bring an appropriate ornament to be placed on the new holiday tree that was
purchased for the Student Center and Brown Dining room. As in years past, attendees also are asked to bring a dessert to share. Lastly, faculty and staff who are interested in participating in the "white elephant" gift exchange should bring a wrapped or bagged gently used item or inexpensive gift. This event is optional; members of the campus community may attend/participate in those parts of the event in which they hold interest.

**Campus offices will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, 2012, and January 1, 2013.** Many offices and other areas will be closed or operating with reduced staffing on December 26, 27, 28, and January 2, 3, 4. Individuals needing assistance are encouraged to call any specific office prior to stopping by the campus. Refer to the online campus directory at [www.umcrookston.edu/directory](http://www.umcrookston.edu/directory). Spring semester 2013 classes begin on Monday, January 14.

**Student Affairs –**

**Campus residence halls will close for the holiday break at 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 20.** Resident students may register to stay in the halls over break at an additional cost, but they must register with the Office of Residential Life prior to December 20. Halls will reopen on Sunday, January 13, 2013, at 1 p.m. Current plans are to allow students moving into the new residence hall to officially occupy their room beginning on Thursday, January 10, provided arrangements have been made in advance with the Office of Residential Life. The front desk in Centennial Hall will be open limited weekday hours over the break and will be closed on the weekends. For assistance, please call the front desk at 218-281-8531 or staff on duty at 218-289-0604.

**Library –**

**The UMC Library has begun subscribing to Ebsco’s E-Book Collection.** This collection consists of more than 85,000 titles from leading publishers and includes 13,000 Netlibrary owned titles as well. This collection supplies full-text e-books covering a broad spectrum of academic subjects from business to science and engineering to the humanities. UMC faculty, students, and staff can use their computers and most mobile devices to read these books. The collection can be accessed at: [eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)](http://www.umn.edu/services/library/ebookcollection). With this new collection the UMC Library now has access to over 150,000 e-books.

**Technology Support Services –**

**U of M personal web space is scheduled to be decommissioned on June 30, 2013.** In preparation for the decommission, new personal web space folders no longer will be created, effective December 31. A plan to offer an alternate service has been initiated, and further information on a new service will be forthcoming as the plans progress. Current users with personal web space needs should use NetFiles, beginning January 1, 2013. Existing personal web space users will receive additional information in the coming weeks. For more information, contact the technology service desk at (612) 301-4357 or help@umn.edu.

University of Minnesota staff and faculty are eligible to participate in **Microsoft’s Software Assurance Home Use Program (HUP).** This program enables individuals to get a licensed copy of most Microsoft® Office desktop PC applications for installation and use on their home computer and to use the software
Development & Alumni Relations –

Faculty and staff members, alumni, and friends are encouraged to consider the University of Minnesota, Crookston in their calendar year-end giving. Corby Kemmer, director of the Office of Development & Alumni Relations, and his staff wish to offer thanks to all those who have made and continue to make investments in the campus.

University Relations –

The updated University of Minnesota, Crookston Experts List has been posted to the University Relations website at www.umcrookston.edu/relations/expertslist.htm. The list includes faculty and staff members who have agreed to share expertise with representatives of the news media. If individuals would like to be included on the list, they should contact Elizabeth Tollefson at 218-281-8432, Itollefs@umn.edu.

Athletics –

Following the December 15 game against the University of Mary, Golden Eagle Brittani Wiese, a senior from Albertville, Minn., became the seventh women’s basketball player to breach the 1,000 career point marker. She joins all-time leading scorer Jamie Zelinsky, now a graduate assistant coach for U-Mary, along with Karna Plaine, Kari Score, Steph Mayclin, Jess Forsline, and Bri Zabel. Senior Laurie Tyson of Rosemount, Minn., finished the night with six rebounds. She needs only 10 rebounds to tie and 11 boards to break Kari Score’s campus record for most rebounds in a career, which currently stands at 572.

University of Minnesota System

A pilot fund for U of M authors from all campuses to underwrite the cost of making their work accessible to the public is now available through a joint effort of University Libraries and the Office of the Vice President for Research. To be eligible, a work must be a peer-reviewed journal article, scholarly monograph, conference proceeding, or data set created by a U of M author (faculty member, researcher, post-doc, graduate student, or staff member), and fully accessible immediately upon publication. For an application and more information, see open access publishing fund. https://www.lib.umn.edu/scholcom/open-access-publishing-fund

U of M President Eric Kaler has announced that Katrice Albert, Ph.D., will be the University’s new vice president for equity and diversity, effective June 28, 2013, pending approval by the Board of Regents. Albert comes from Louisiana State University, where she has served since 2005 as the institution’s chief diversity officer. As a member of the senior leadership group, Albert will lead the U’s access, equity, and diverse multicultural resources and programs, and play an important role in advancing excellence
at the University of Minnesota. She will also work collaboratively with diverse Minnesota communities and uphold educational and employment equity as core values of the University.

Campus and Community

At the request of many throughout the region, the Crookston Community Christmas Stable Service has been revived by local community members with assistance from UMC’s George and Rae French. The service will be offered twice—on Friday, December 21, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, December 22, at 2 p.m.—at the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC) located on the north end of the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus. Admission is free and open to all with a freewill offering of nonperishable food items for the North Country Food Bank. The service features live music and singing of carols by various choirs and ensembles of the greater Crookston area as the story of Jesus’ birth is reenacted. The service is ecumenical and runs approximately an hour and fifteen minutes, with cider and treats following. Prior to the service a petting zoo will be offered. For more information regarding this service, contact Rae French at 218-281-8339, rfrench@umn.edu, or Pr. Jo Gast of Trinity Lutheran Church at 218-281-4276, pastorjo@trinitycrookston.org.

Accolades

The University of Minnesota, Crookston Collegiate Crops Team placed second in both national competitions held in November in Kansas City, Mo., and Chicago, Ill. The 2012 team consisted of three agronomy majors including Dan Grefsrud, a senior from Hawley, Minn.; Travis Lund, a senior from Brandon, Minn.; and Missy Geiszler, a junior from Mayer, Minn. The team was coached by agronomy instructor Rob Proulx, M.S., assisted by Matthew Green, a senior from Greenbush, Minn., who is a triple major in agronomy, agricultural systems management, and agricultural business. Green was a member of UMC’s 2011 Collegiate Crops Judging Team. Learn more.

Jack Geller, Ph.D., professor and department head, Liberal Arts & Education Department, was among the featured guests appearing on the December 12 edition of The Daily Circuit, a program on Minnesota Public Radio. The topic of the day’s discussion was how to revitalize rural America. The program is available online at http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2012/12/12/daily-circuit-revitalizing-rural-americ. In a recent article for the Associated Press (AP), Jeff Bumgarner, Ph.D., associate professor of criminal justice, served as a quoted commentator on the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, an agency that collects taxes from and regulates those industries. The article, written by AP business writer Daniel Wagner, appeared nationwide in print and online media, among them The Denver Post: www.denverpost.com/healthcare/ci_22152755/booze-smokes-agenda-quirky-govt-group.

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