From the Chancellor

A three-person contingent—Kimberly Gillette, Jingpeng Tang, and I—recently returned from a very productive one-week trip to China. The main purpose of the visit was to open a 3-Dimensional Immersive Technology Center, part of the larger American Culture Center, at the Zhejiang Economic and Trade Polytechnic (ZJETP). UMC and ZJETP have had a formal relationship as partner institutions since 2005. Associate Professor Tang had been instrumental in establishing this new facility within the ZJETP’s American Culture Center, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. There was considerable media interest in this event, and many dignitaries traveled to be there for the opening. Related to this event, we were also able to meet with leaders at the U.S. Embassy and the U.S. Consulate, both of which had been instrumental in funding this project.

During our time at ZJETP, it was very clear that the campus leaders there greatly value our partnership. Dr. Gillette and I had a chance to meet with the president and department heads of ZJETP to discuss broadening our relationship to other academic programs and the possibility of hosting additional visiting scholars. In addition, a major focus of the discussion was related to steps we might take together to improve students’ English skills so they can successfully study at UMC. Clearly, many students at ZJETP are eager to study at UMC, and the English language is a major limitation.

Following the opening ceremony, we met with a group of over 80 prospective students. These students greatly enjoyed the videos showcasing UMC campus life and alumni success stories. They also had many questions about how they might prepare to attend UMC. While we certainly know that not all the students who attended this presentation will find their way here, it was good to see so much interest.

During the week we also had a productive meeting with leaders from the Binghai Campus of Nankai University to discuss a possible partnership with UMC, and on another night we gathered with a group of alumni and a past visiting scholar for an event that was very well received. These alumni spoke in glowing terms of how very welcome and supported they felt at UMC and urged us to encourage other Chinese students to “meet the challenge” of studying in the United States. They clearly had an excellent educational experience at UMC in all respects. This will be important moving forward as we aspire for growth of our on-campus student population.

I want to thank Drs. Gillette and Tang for all their work in putting together such a productive trip. I also want to mention the generous hospitality we received from everyone at ZJETP; they could not have been more welcoming. This trip served as a reminder of the great work that has already been done at UMC on the international front. It is a great base to build on as we continue to internationalize our educational efforts while serving a modern land-grant mission.
Sincerely,
Fred Wood
Chancellor
University of Minnesota Crookston

**Featured Events & Activities**

**International Education Week: International Market, Wednesday, November 13** – 2 to 7 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, open to the public

**What’s on Wednesday (W.O.W.) Featuring Vocal Band Home Free, Wednesday, November 13** – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, free for UMC students, faculty, and staff, $3 per person for the general public

**University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Association’s Fargo-Moorhead Area Alumni Social, Thursday, November 14** – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Fargo Billiards & Gastropub, 3234 43rd St. South, in Fargo, North Dakota

**Open Forum for Students on the Proposed UMC Wellness Center, Monday, November 18** – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

**Biometric Health Screening for UMC Faculty and Staff, Tuesday, November 19** – 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Bede Ballroom

**Free Flu Shot Clinic for Faculty and Staff, Tuesday, November 19** – 9 to 11 a.m., Bede Ballroom C

**Free Flu Shot Clinic for UMC Students, Tuesday, November 19** – 1 to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom C, students are reminded to bring their UCard ID

**Free Flu Shot Clinic for UMC Students, Wednesday, November 20** – 9 to 11 a.m., Centennial Hall Classroom, students are reminded to bring their UCard ID

**What’s on Wednesday (W.O.W.) Native American Heritage Performance “Belief,” Wednesday, November 20** – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, free and open to the public

**Free Flu Shot Clinic for Faculty and Staff, Thursday, November 21** – 9 to 11 a.m., 105 Kiehle Building

**Thursday Commons: Fall Semester Campus Assembly Meeting, Thursday, November 21** – 12:30 to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

**Music on Monday Featuring Jared Mahone, Monday, November 25** – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center

**Thanksgiving Day Holiday, Thursday, November 28** – classes excused, campus offices closed

**Floating Holiday, Friday, November 29** – classes excused, campus offices closed
Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

Any students interested in sharing their thoughts regarding the proposed UMC Wellness Center are encouraged to attend an open forum session on Monday, November 18, at 7 pm in Kiehle Auditorium. This forum will offer an opportunity for students to meet with members of the Wellness Center Steering Committee and to hear an update on the planning process as well as to voice opinions regarding aspects of the UMC Wellness Center.

Student Affairs –

In an effort to help facilitate engagement among students and faculty and staff, the Office of Student Affairs has created the Student Engagement Meal Ticket Initiative. It is sometimes more productive and less formal for a faculty or staff member to discuss advisement, careers, or academic issues with a student over a meal, a cup of coffee, or a soda. Interested faculty or staff members may, in advance, submit a request for two meal tickets that can be utilized at Brown Dining Room for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. This initiative also includes an offer from Doug Pedrick, UMC’s Sodexo Food Service Managefor, for faculty and staff members to invite a student for a coffee or beverage break in Brown Dining Room from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Contact Debi Chandler (ext. 8572, dbrule@umn.edu), and she will coordinate with the faculty or staff members for the pick-up of available tickets. This offer does not include coffee or beverages from the Eagles Nest or Caribou Coffee.

The University of Minnesota Crookston’s Safety and Security on Campus Report for 2013 is now posted online at www1.crk.umn.edu/services/security/safety/. All institutions of higher education are required by law to post their annual security stats and policies. It is University policy to encourage the reporting of all crimes committed on campus and to assist victims of those crimes.

"Belief," a performance celebrating Native American stories and songs that weave a journey of discovery between past and present, will take place on Wednesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. The performance, which features Julie Cajune and music by Gary Stroutso with special guests American Indian Woodwinds & World Percussion, is sponsored by the UMC Office of Diversity & Multicultural Programs and the Circle of Nations Indigenous Association.

International Programs –
A week of events is underway for **International Education Week**, through Friday, November 15. From student presentations, to an international market on Wednesday, November 13, to a hot sauce contest on Friday, November 15, International Education Week will include activities from around the world. The campus and local community are invited to attend the various events on campus throughout the week. Learn more. [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2013/10/international-education-week-a.html](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2013/10/international-education-week-a.html)

**Center for Adult Learning –**

The Center for Adult Learning's Achieve More Program will take Fisher High School sophomores to the Northern Valley Career Expo on Wednesday, November 13. Held at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, N.D., the Northern Valley Career Expo is an event that strives to accomplish four main goals:

- Expose secondary students to regional occupational demands and training
- Enhance collaboration between business, education, and the public sector
- Highlight community assets
- Educate students on career opportunities in the area

**Facilities & Operations –**

*Students, faculty, and staff are asked to avoid opening windows in classrooms or offices during the cold weather season.* This is to prevent broken heating/water pipes if a window is mistakenly left open for a long period of time, such as over a weekend. Heating concerns should be forwarded to Facilities staff members at 218-281-8483 so they can be addressed.

**Business Affairs –**

*The U of M Office of Internal Audit began an audit of the Crookston campus on Monday, November 11.* This audit, which is routine in nature and is not prompted by any particular concern, is being conducted now based on the risk assessment of auditable units and the amount of time that has elapsed since the last audit of UMC in the fall of 2009. It will address financial, operational, and compliance issues, and its scope will include an assessment of financial activities during the most recent twelve month period. This review will include an examination of current operating controls and procedures and will be performed in three phases over the next few weeks: the planning and survey phase, the detailed testing phase, and the reporting phase.

**Technology Support Services –**

*Everyone is reminded to be proactive and take the time to back up their computer data.* New viruses and malware surface daily. In most cases the installed antivirus programs will protect data, but there are some viruses that can cause significant problems. For example, there is a new malware (CryptoLocker) circulating that can hold data files for "ransom" until payment is made; if payment is not made, the files are permanently deleted. Learn more at [www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA13-309A](http://www.us-cert.gov/ncas/alerts/TA13-309A).
Media Services –

The lighting system in Kiehle Auditorium has been repaired and updated with new multifunction wall controls. Most users will be able to utilize the room by selecting one of the preset buttons on the panel located near the southwest entrance. Staff members in Media Services will be happy to demonstrate the system or assist if events require additional settings. Contact Tom Sondreal, sondreal@umn.edu, 218-281-8392.

Alumni & Development –

The University of Minnesota Crookston Alumni Association (UMCAA) will host an alumni social on Thursday, November 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Fargo Billiards & Gastropub, 3234 43rd St. South, in Fargo, North Dakota. This marks the fourth time the UMCAA has hosted an alumni social in Fargo, and all alumni are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Rose Ulseth, rulseth@umn.edu, 218-281-8439.

2013-2014 Teambacker Fund Drive Update: 137 members and $84,300 in cash and in-kind contributions. Please consider becoming a Teambacker member in support of UMC student-athlete scholarships. For more information contact Bill Tyrrell, btyrrell@umn.edu, 218-281-8436

University Relations –

Members of the campus community are encouraged to review the Campus Emergency Closing Policies and Procedures: www.umcrookston.edu/info/policies/closing.htm. Any decision to close the campus due to bad weather, such as a blizzard, or any other situation is given careful consideration because it affects productivity as well as required class instruction days. If a decision is made to close the campus, watch for official weather related closing information via cell phones using the TXT-U emergency notification system, campus e-mail (an official e-mail will be sent by UMC's director of communications or the associate vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management), alerts on the UMC main web page and UMC Today page, as well as announcements on KROX radio (1260 AM), WDAZ TV, KVLY TV, and selected other regional media outlets.

Athletics –

Golden Eagle volleyball player Chelsea Wiesner, a senior majoring in health sciences from Rochester, Minn., was named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Defensive Player of the Week on Monday, November 4, for her outstanding performance over the prior weekend in a split against Augustana College and 18th-ranked Wayne State College (Neb.). Wiesner is the first UMC volleyball player to earn the award on the 2013 season. Learn more. www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2013/11/4/WVB_1104131554.aspx

Golden Eagle football player Matt Borowicz, a junior majoring in health sciences from Stephen, Minn., has been selected Capital One Academic All-District® for NCAA Super Region 3. Borowicz maintains a 3.92 grade point average and is one of 26 players selected to Academic All-District for Super Region 3,
including five offensive lineman. He is now eligible for Capital One Academic All-America®, which will be announced on December 4. Learn more. www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2013/11/7/FB_1107135253.aspx

Two players from the University of Minnesota Crookston Women's Soccer Team have been named to the 2013 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) All-Conference Team. Rachelle Alcini, a junior majoring in health sciences from Ann Arbor, Mich., was named Third Team All-NSIC, and Nikki Hammond, a senior majoring in health sciences from Nelson, Minn., was named All-NSIC Honorable Mention.

The University of Minnesota Crookston Western Equestrian Team continued to build momentum in the 2013-14 season with another strong performance in the show pen at a pair of shows on Saturday, November 9, and Sunday, November 10, at North Dakota State University in Fargo, N.D. The Golden Eagles were the High Point Team on Sunday after all the members of the UMC team were at the top of their game. Learn more. www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2013/11/11/EQUESTW_1111130227.aspx

To view all results and upcoming athletic events, visit www.goldeneaglesports.com.

University of Minnesota System

The Enterprise Systems Upgrade Project (ESUP) Portal Team has an early “rough draft” of the new U-wide portal, which is planned to launch in late 2014. The portal will be a website that simplifies the online experience for students, faculty, and staff at the U by bringing together the needed tools and resources in one place. Visit the Portal Project website to log in, explore, and give feedback: http://sites.google.com/a/umn.edu/portal/. This version was created from many of the ideas and suggestions that were collecting at the Kickoff Meeting in January 2013, and continued to compile through the Design Thinking Workshops, meetings and presentations, and feedback collected on the portal project website. The feedback provided today will help the Portal Team build a portal that will work well for the entire University system.

Accolades

William Christopher “Chris” Brown, lecturer in the Liberal Arts and Education Department, has successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at Indiana University Bloomington and will be awarded the Ph.D. in English. His dissertation, “Promoting Shared Governance in Middle English Chronicles 1199-1338,” is the culmination of a major in medieval literature and a minor in literary theory. Brown joined the faculty of UMC in August 2012 as a lecturer in composition.

Thomas Sondreal, senior media resources producer for Media Services, was recently elected as chair of the Civil Service Consultative Committee (CSCC) for 2013-14. The CSCC is the executive committee for the Civil Service Senate (CSS), which is part of the larger University of Minnesota governance system including the University Senate, Faculty Senate, P&A Senate, and Student Senate. The CSS represents approximately 4600 U of M employees in the areas of employee advocacy, benefits and compensation, communications, staff development, legislative advocacy, and Civil Service employment rules. Sondreal started with UMC Media Services in 1998 and began his Civil Service appointment in 2011, when elected to the CSCC as the UMN Crookston Representative.
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