From the Vice Chancellor

While weather-related closings have delayed some follow-up work on the expanded Executive Committee’s January 7 strategic planning day, other work continues. Three key Real-Time Strategic Planning documents (Institutional Identity Statement, Future Business Model, Strategy Screen) have been refined for review and further discussion. Subgroups formed on January 7 have met to continue working on their Next Steps Action Plans. The communications, marketing, and public relations folks have begun to develop a website where all strategic planning documents will be readily available, and that site should be available sometime in February. We are in the process of identifying opportunities to broaden the conversation to include all interested members of the UMC campus community. Stay tuned for further developments and opportunities to engage in the discussions and activities.

Position vacancy notices for department heads for the Business and Math, Science and Technology (MST) Departments were posted earlier this month. The application deadline is March 1 for both positions. After evaluating the applications, search committees expect to bring finalists to UMC for on-campus interviews the weeks of April 7 and April 14. If all goes according to schedule, the selected candidates’ names will be announced in early May, and the new department heads will assume their duties in early July.

About 25 proposals totaling almost $400,000 have been submitted in response to the Academic Affairs Investment RFP. Sue Erickson, director of institutional effectiveness, will chair the ad hoc committee that will review the proposals and make funding recommendations for the $150,000 of available funding. We hope to make funding decisions in mid-February.

It is encouraging news that Governor Dayton’s $986 million bonding proposal includes $118.7 million for the University of Minnesota, and, more specifically, $10 million for the UMC Campus Wellness Center. We will continue to work with the staff of the U of M’s Office of Government and Community Relations and our campus community to advocate for the inclusion of Wellness Center and the other U of M projects in the final bonding bill, as well as for more Higher Education Asset Preservation and Restoration (HEAPR) funding.

Finally, I encourage everyone to attend the Spring Semester Student Research Presentation Day this Thursday, January 30, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. It’s great to see our faculty working with students on undergraduate research projects.

Sincerely,

Barbara Keinath
Featured Events & Activities

UMC Black Student Association Hosts Music and Food with Soul, Tuesday, January 28 – Noon to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Wellness Center Presentation for Students Tuesday, January 28 – Noon to 1 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

Wellness Center Presentation for Faculty and Staff, Tuesday, January 28 – 1 to 2 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

12th Annual Winter Job and Internship Fair, Wednesday, January 29 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Thursday Commons: Spring Semester Student Research Presentation Day, Thursday, January 30 – 12:30 to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament, Saturday, February 1 – 10 a.m. registration, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. lines in water, Zippel Bay Resort on Lake of the Woods, Williams, Minn., $20 entry fee in advance

United Blood Services Blood Drive, Monday, February 3 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Gardening and Local Foods Seminar Series Supper Featuring Speaker Randel Hanson, Ph.D.: “UMD’s Campus Garden Project,” Thursday, February 6 – 5:30 p.m. dinner (go through line in Brown Dining Room), 6 p.m. presentation in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public, register at 218-281-8128

For details on these and a comprehensive listing of other events or to discover what’s happening this week, visit UMC Today at [www.umcrocokston.edu/today](http://www.umcrocokston.edu/today) or review our news page at [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news](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](http://www.umn.edu/twincities/faculty-staff/brief).

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

The Wellness Center Steering Committee and Pre-Design Team will provide an update to the campus community on the planning for the proposed Wellness Center on Tuesday, January 28. A session for students is scheduled for Noon, and a session for faculty and staff is scheduled for 1 p.m., both in
Kiehle Auditorium. These sessions will include presentation of initial plans and diagrams for the proposed Wellness Center as well as discussion of the processes involved in finalizing the design and obtaining final approval.

Students, faculty, and staff are reminded that they may add or modify mobile phone numbers for the TXT-U emergency notification system at www.umcrookston.edu/Facilitiesmgmt/Prepared/txtu.htm by selecting the “register/modify” link in the far right column.

Academic Affairs –

The campus community is invited to join a select group of students as they share their current undergraduate research on Thursday, January 30, in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Presentations scheduled include:

- 12:40 p.m. - Dabitna Chung, YoungA Choi, and Soo-Yin Lim Thompson, Ph.D., “The study of how children draw and the development of art”
- 1 p.m. - Wade Wallace, Andrea Ramponi, Albert Sims, Ph.D., and Katy Nannenga, Ph.D., “The impact of fertilizer source, application rate, application timing, and application method on denitrification losses of nitrogen through nitrous oxide in sugar beets grown in NW Minnesota”
- 1:20 p.m. - Gyuongyoun Baek and Venu Mukku, Ph.D., “Isolation and characterization of bioactive pseudoguaianolides from Helianthus flexuosum seeds”

The initial draft of the AQIP Systems Portfolio document for accreditation is completed and being reviewed by select individuals. Once this initial review is complete, a second draft will be distributed across campus for additional feedback sometime in early in February. UMC’s Systems Portfolio is due to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) by June 1, 2014. Three actions projects, reports on which are due May 1, are in the works for 2013-14:

- Implementation of last year’s program review guidelines – The U of M is looking at purchasing an electronic system for documenting program reviews at the system level. Sue Erickson and Bill Peterson will provide UMC’s feedback on this product selection. The project committee is continuing to work on defining rubrics for measuring program review data.
- International Student Satisfaction – Data has been collected to evaluate TOEFL scores for international students, and this will be merged with indicators of success once they are on campus. The hope is to determine additional programming or policies that will ensure these students are successful.
- Online Student Success – Data is being evaluated to determine what, if any, factors can be identified to assist the Office of Admissions in determining success of online students who are conditionally admitted.

Student Affairs & Enrollment Management –

The UMC Black Student Association will host the annual event Music and Food with Soul on Tuesday, January 28, from Noon to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Different influential music from African American culture as well as a sampling of African and African American foods will be presented along with a preview of events for the upcoming Black History Month in February. All are welcome to this free event.
The University of Minnesota Crookston 12th Annual Winter Job and Internship Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. More than 40 companies will be in attendance spanning a wide variety of majors. For a listing of companies attending, go to www.umcrookston.edu/ccc/career/jobfair/index.htm. This event is sponsored by the UMC Career Development and Counseling Department and Enactus.

Technology Support Services –

The U of M Enterprise Systems Upgrade Program (ESUP, a.k.a. Portal Project) recently announced a partnership with IntraSee, Inc. to deliver the University’s new myU portal. IntraSee brings a wealth of portal implementation experience to ESUP. They have worked with many large, complicated entities in private industry (Fortune 500), government, and higher education. The University has deemed this to be the most efficient and sustainable option for portal development and is optimistic they will help deliver the best possible product for the U. Keep up to date on ESUP progress and news at http://sites.google.com/a/umn.edu/portal.

Alumni & Development –

Saturday, February 1, is the Fourth-Annual Justin Knebel Memorial Ice Fishing Tournament at Zipple Bay Resort, Williams, Minn., on Lake of the Woods. Registration is 10 a.m. with fishing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is $20 per person. For more information, contact Alyssa Tulibaski, 218-281-8570, Amber Bailey 218-281-8379, or Bill Tyrrell 218-281-8436. Learn more at www.umcrookston.edu/justinknebel.

Athletics –

Four University of Minnesota Crookston student-athletes have received the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award. Joshua Perea, a senior majoring in criminal justice and football player from Rivera, Calif.; Alyssa Schneider, a senior majoring in early childhood education and volleyball player from Racine, Wis.; Andrew Steinfeldt, a senior majoring in health sciences and football player from Green Bay, Wis.; and Chelsea Wiesner, a senior majoring in health sciences and volleyball player from Rochester, Minn. The honor, named for the late NCAA President Dr. Myles Brand, is bestowed to senior NSIC student-athletes who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher, are exhausting their eligibility, and are on track to graduate. Learn more.

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Commissioner Lloyd "Butch" Raymond has announced his retirement effective August 1, 2014, after 50 years of service to collegiate athletics. Raymond, the fourth full-time commissioner in the history of the league, has served as NSIC Commissioner since the spring of 2004. A national search for a replacement is currently underway. Learn more.

To view all results and upcoming athletic events, visit www.goldeneaglesports.com.
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The U of M Office for Public Engagement Seeks Nominations for the President's Community-Engaged Scholar Award. The systemwide award recognizes one faculty member or P&A staff member annually for exemplary community-engaged scholarship with a $15,000 prize. Nominations are due March 28. Finalists will be recognized, and the winner announced at an awards luncheon on April 18. Learn more at www.engagement.umn.edu/engagedscholar.

The U of M Office of the Vice President for Research will award approximately ten two-year grants of up to $500,000 each for transdisciplinary projects that pursue grand challenges outlined in MnDRIVE legislation. Funded research will include projects not only from basic and applied sciences but also from the arts, humanities, business, and policy areas that will have a positive and sustaining impact on Minnesota's economy, environment, and residents. Letters of Intent are due March 14, and proposals are due April 21. Submit electronically to facgrant@umn.edu. For more information about the MnDRIVE Transdisciplinary Research Program, go to www.research.umn.edu/advance/mndrive-trp.html.

Accolades

Two UMC students have been accepted to present at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), scheduled for April 3-5 in Lexington, Kentucky. Gyoungyoun (Ann) Baek, a junior majoring in health sciences from Seoul, South Korea, will present “Isolation and characterization of bioactive pseudoguaianolides from Helenium flexuosum seeds.” YoungA Choi, a senior majoring in early childhood education from Seoul, South Korea, will present “The study of how children draw and the development of art.”

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