

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA**

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Faculty, Staff and Student Affairs Committee**

**Thursday, February 7, 2008**

**3:30 – 3:45 p.m.**

**600 McNamara Alumni Center, East Committee Room**

**Committee Members**

John Frobenius, Chair  
David Metzen, Vice Chair  
Clyde Allen  
Dallas Bohnsack  
Venora Hung  
Dean Johnson

**Student Representatives**

Adam Engelman  
Catherine Wang

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**Presenters:** Vice President Carol Carrier

**Purpose:**

policy       background/context       oversight       strategic positioning

As required by Board of Regents Policy: *Reservation and Delegation of Authority*, the administration seeks approval of the following:

- Appointment of Senior Administrator

**Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:**

Item for Consideration:

- Appointment of David Wippman as Dean of the Law School effective July 1, 2008.

**Background Information:**

Board of Regents Policy: *Reservation and Delegation of Authority* calls for items, such as senior administrative appointments, bargaining unit contract approvals, tuition and fees policies, and appointments of certain trustees and board members, to be brought before the Faculty, Staff, and Student Affairs Committee for action.

**President's Recommendation for Action:**

The President recommends approval of the Consent Report.

# University of Minnesota

## BOARD OF REGENTS Faculty, Staff, and Student Affairs Committee

### Consent Report February 7, 2008

#### *Personnel Appointment*

##### David Wippman

Pending approval by the Board of Regents, David Wippman will be appointed to the position of Dean of the Law School effective July 1, 2008. Wippman is one of the world's leading scholars in international law and human rights. Currently, he is Vice Provost for International Relations and professor of Law at Cornell University. He is a native of Minnesota and attended high school here. After graduation from Yale Law School, he clerked for Chief Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Second Circuit. He practiced law in Washington, D.C. from 1983 until joining Cornell Law School's faculty in 1992. Wippman served in the Clinton administration as a director of the National Security Council's Office of Multilateral and Humanitarian Affairs from 1998-99.

Wippman holds a bachelor of arts degree summa cum laude from Princeton University, a master's degree from Yale University and earned his juris doctorate from the Yale Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Yale Law Journal*.

The position of dean is a 100% time, A-term (12-month), limited administrative appointment, serving at the pleasure of the Senior Vice President and Provost. As chief academic and administrative officer, the dean has overall responsibility for providing the vision and leadership needed to maintain and improve the stature of the Law School and is accountable for the conduct and outcome of its programs and activities. This involves sustaining an environment that fosters scholarly endeavor and educational excellence through good academic administration. It includes responsibility for financial and personnel management. In conjunction with the faculty, the dean is responsible for educational programs and faculty and staff appointments, which includes support and development of the Law School's excellence in interdisciplinary scholarship and programs, and support and development of a diverse faculty, staff, and student body. The dean is also the School's principal participant in University governance and functions as its lead representative among internal and external constituencies, including the University community, the legal community and the larger community. This includes membership on the board of governors of the State Bar Association and active, ongoing interactions with alumni and the practicing bar. The dean plays a leadership role in the School's fundraising and development efforts and will be expected to lead a new, major capital campaign.

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**ACADEMIC PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Rank</b></u>	<u><b>Unit</b></u>	<u><b>Effective Date</b></u>
David Wippman	Dean	Law School	July 1, 2008

Dean Wippman's appointment shall be an A-term (12-month), L-type (serving at the pleasure of) academic administrative appointment. The 2008-2009 salary shall be set at \$385,000.



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To inform committee members of noteworthy items, administrative actions, and local, regional, and national policy-related issues affecting University units and departments.

**Outline of Key Points/Policy Issues:**

- Personnel highlights
- University highlights
- Faculty and staff activities and awards
- Student activities and awards

**Background Information:**

This report appears as a regular item on the Faculty, Staff, and Student Affairs Committee agenda.

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### Faculty, Staff, and Student Affairs Committee Information Report

*This report does not capture and record a complete listing of the significant awards and activities of the University community but, rather, makes note of unit reported items in these areas. It also highlights reports and activities at the local, regional, and national level in the area of faculty, staff, and student affairs.*

#### **Personnel**

The new chancellor for academic affairs and dean, U of M-Morris, is Cheryl Contant. She has been professor and director of the city and regional planning program in the Georgia Institute of Technology's College of Architecture since 1999. She holds a Ph.D. in civil engineering and a master's degree in environmental engineering, both from Stanford University. She will assume responsibilities at Morris next summer.

Irma McClaurin has been named associate vice president for system academic administration and executive director of the University's first Urban Research and Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC) in north Minneapolis. Her responsibilities will include the development of funding opportunities for the University's urban agenda and coordination of the University Northside Partnership. McClaurin has served as a tenured professor at the University of Florida and as deputy provost at Fisk University. She holds an M.F.A. in English/creative writing and master's and doctoral degrees in anthropology, all from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

#### **Highlights**

For the third consecutive year, University of Minnesota Parking and Transportation Services has been named as one of the 100 Best Fleets in North America by industry magazine *Fleet Equipment*. The University has a fleet size of 924 vehicles, including 37 hybrids. As a national leader in converting portions of its fleet to Flexible Fuel Vehicles, the University is one of the greatest users of E85 fuel, with more than 20,000 gallons pumped each year.

University mascot Goldy Gopher came in second in the Mascot Finals sponsored by Capital One. The top award, by popular vote, went to Zippy from the University of Akron.

The University of Minnesota Twin Cities was named among top institutions in two categories—overall effectiveness of policies and global satisfaction—of the Collaborative

on Academic Careers in Higher Education (COACHE) study at Harvard. COACHE surveyed junior, tenure-track faculty at institutions across the country, asking them to assess their experiences regarding promotion and tenure, the nature of their work, policies and practices, and the general climate, culture, and level of collegiality on their campuses.

### **Faculty and Staff Activities and Awards**

Massoud Amin, electrical and computer engineering, has been elected a fellow of the Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance.

Douglas Arnold, mathematics, has been elected president of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM). SIAM is an international community of more than 11,000 members that advances the fields of applied mathematics and computational science primarily by publishing premier journals and books and organizing conferences.

Saif Benjaafar, mechanical engineering, has been elected as a fellow of the Institute of Industrial Engineers.

Graham Candler, aerospace engineering and mechanics, has been elected a fellow in the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Dave Crane and Jeremy Todd, Twin Cities campus office of classroom management, are among the first in the nation to receive the Educational Facilities Professional (EFP) credential, administered through APPA: The Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers. The EFP credential is a new standard for educational stewardship and recognizes experienced professionals who complete technical training and a comprehensive examination.

Jane Davidson, mechanical engineering, received the American Solar Energy Society's Charles Greeley Abbot Award for outstanding contributions to solar energy research.

*Design Intelligence*, a journal published by the Design Futures Council, named College of Design Dean Tom Fisher one of the country's 25 most admired and respected educators, as seen by professional practice firm presidents and managing directors.

Efi Foufoula-Georgiou, civil engineering, received the 2007 Hydrologic Sciences Award of the American Geophysical Union for her contributions to space-time rainfall modeling and scaling analysis in hydrology.

Denise Guerin, interior design, has been awarded the American Society of Interior Designers 2007 Distinguished Educator Award for her contributions to the profession. She was recognized for her work on the only searchable research database on design and human behavior, InformeDesign, and her work with sustainable design and regulating the interior design practice.

Gina Gunderson and Lea Oseth, teachers at the UMC Children's Center, were presented with Early Childhood Champion Awards by the Crookston Early Childhood Initiative. The initiative is a collaboration of more than 20 community leaders, professionals, and parents in partnership with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

Bin He, biomedical engineering, was chosen as president-elect of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society for 2008, and will serve as the society president for 2009–2010.

Family social science professors emeriti M. Janice Hogan and David Olson have been named National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) fellows. Fellowship status is an honor awarded to relatively few members of NCFR who have made outstanding and enduring contributions to the field of the family in the areas of scholarship, teaching, outreach, or professional service.

Bill Hutchison, entomology, was awarded the Distinguished Achievement Award in Extension by the Entomological Society of America. The award recognizes his achievements in developing ecologically based integrated pest management for vegetables and grapes, with a goal of reducing economic and environmental risk.

Anne Kapuscinski, fisheries, wildlife, and conservation biology, is one of five recipients of the international Society for Conservation Biology's Distinguished Service Award for 2008. The award recognizes her "extraordinary contributions to conservation research, teaching and conservation policy, particularly related to effects of biotechnology policy on aquatic species."

Mos Kaveh, electrical and computer engineering, has been chosen as president-elect of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Signal Processing Society for 2008–2009.

Efie Kokkoli, chemical engineering and materials science, received the 2007 Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award from the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation. The award focuses on individual research accomplishments and promise in the chemical sciences, with evidence of excellence in teaching.

Donald Liu, applied economics, was one of six regional recipients of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Agriculture Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award for 2007. The award recognizes professors who excel at teaching, make a positive impact on student learning, and influence other teachers by example.

Christopher Macosko, chemical engineering and materials science, has been elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society for his pioneering work on the rheology, compatibilization, processing, and properties of polymer blends.

Paige Novak, civil engineering, was awarded the Paul L. Busch Award by the Water Environment Research Foundation for her work investigating the presence of potentially ecologically-damaging compounds known as “industrial estrogens.”

Peter Olin, director of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, has been inducted into the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors leaders who have given long time service to the association and the industry. Olin has been director of the Arboretum for 24 years.

Robert O. Pepin, physics and astronomy, was named a fellow of the Geochemical Society and European Association for Geochemistry.

Cancer Center researcher Lisa Peterson has been named chair-elect of the American Chemical Society’s Division of Chemical Toxicology. Peterson, who studies the chemical compounds of tobacco products and their impact on health, will be the first woman to head the more than 1,000-member national society.

Larry Que, chemistry, received the 2008 Alfred Bader Award in Bioinorganic or Bioorganic Chemistry from the American Chemical Society.

Dean Sorenson, School of Music, composed the official song for the state of Minnesota’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. The premier performance of “Shines for All to See ” was January 12 at the Roseville Winter Jazz Blast, the first of hundreds of sesquicentennial events.

David Valentine, anthropology, won the Ruth Benedict Prize for outstanding scholarship on a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender topic, awarded by the Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists of the American Anthropological Association.

Maureen Weiss, kinesiology, has been named 2008 chair of the Science Board of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. The board, founded in 2003 to ensure that messages and programs of the council are scientifically sound, provides review and input on the President’s Challenge program.

Antonia Zhai and Zhi-Li Zhang, computer science and engineering, have received the 2007 IBM Faculty Award. The award is a competitive worldwide program intended to foster collaboration between researchers at leading universities and those in IBM research, development, and service organizations.

### **Student Activities and Awards**

Carlson School seniors Naiomi Bisram and Erik Eliason won the Minnesota Cup in the student category for uTead.com, an online service that connects prospective students with applications and related resources to facilitate the graduate school application process on a global scale. The Minnesota Cup is a statewide contest that seeks out, supports, and promotes Minnesota’s newest and most innovative business concepts.

Humphrey Institute student Charlotte Landreau has received a WEM Foundation Outstanding Educator Award. Landreau is a Highland Park High School history teacher and is enrolled in the master of public affairs degree program. She was honored in the Ethics in Education category, which recognizes educators who exemplify ethical behavior and promote ethical practices and development for their students through classroom activities or curriculum.

An essay by Master of Liberal Studies student Dawn Lippman was awarded first place in the 2007 Wilma Dykeman Award for Essay contest sponsored by the Appalachian Writers Association.

Crookston student Josiah Loll has been awarded the Daily Point of Light Award by the Points of Light Foundation and Hands On Network. The award celebrates the success of volunteers and spotlights the impact that individuals have made on their communities. Loll, an agricultural business major, has been a mentor in the UMC Mentoring and Caring program for the past three years, has worked as an America Reads tutor, and visits weekly with senior residents of the Villa St. Vincent/Summit Apartments.

Law School student Kate Swenson was one of 400 out of 25,000 people who were selected to appear on the television quiz show “Jeopardy!” this year. She reigned as champion for two days.

Kiley Theede, M.Ed./initial licensure student in applied kinesiology, has been selected 2008 Student of the Year by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education.

Soil, water, and climate graduate student Jianmin Zhang recently won the American Geophysical Union’s (AGU) Sulzman Award for best student presentation at the 2007 Fall AGU meeting.

UMC’s 2007 Collegiate Crops Judging Team, made up of Luke Dighans, Amy Schwartz, Joyana Wardrip, and alternate Stephen Roerick, placed second at both the Chicago and Kansas City, Mo., Collegiate Crops Judging Contests, just behind Kansas State University. The competition consisted of three parts: grain grading, seed analysis, and seed identification.

Four Crookston campus students—Scott Hoffman, Kathryn Stangler, Kaarina Visness, and Jennifer Zoch—were part of a horticulture team that placed second out of thirteen teams participating in the Mid-America Collegiate Horticulture Society competition. Visness placed third overall in individual ranking.

Eight UMC athletes were named to the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference’s All-Academic Teams for the 2007 fall athletic season: Jordan McCormick, Chris McMuller, and Kyle Myers in football; Kiely Bladow and Megan Hannon in soccer; and Theresa Crance, Lisa Steinbrecher, and Cassie Yates in volleyball. To be eligible for this honor, the student-athlete must be a member of the varsity traveling team and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or better.