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UMC Senior Vice Chancellor and Dean Joe Massey to retire

By Krista Lemos on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) announces the retirement of Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean Joe Massey. He came to UMC in July 2004 as vice chancellor for academic affairs and was appointed chief executive officer in November 2004 where he served until the appointment of Chancellor Charles H. Casey in September 2005. Dr. Massey returned to his role in academic affairs and continued in that position until he announced his retirement in early January 2006. . "I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve UMC students, faculty, staff, and friends in this capacity," Massey said. "My wife Jinny and I have very much valued becoming a part of the UMC family and the Crookston community."

Dr. Massey came to the University of Minnesota as a graduate student in the early 1970s and earned his MS in 1974 and his Ph.D. in Forest Economics in 1977. Dr. Massey served on the faculty at Texas A&M University, advancing over 17 years to professor and associate department head in the Forest Science Department. He returned to the University of Minnesota in 1995 where he served as head of the Forest Products department. Massey was part time associate vice-provost for faculty development and chair of the University Faculty Consultative Committee. Over his 28-year academic career, Dr. Massey has published numerous books and journal articles and has presented papers and research findings at many national and international conferences.

"Dr. Massey has had many of years of service to the University of Minnesota as a faculty member and administrator," UMC's Chancellor Casey said. In the area of outreach, Massey served as a member of the Council on Public Engagement, and over the past several years, has chaired the University of Minnesota's Outstanding Community Service Committee. He initiated a new program at the University, the Provost's Academic Leadership Initiative, a program for the professional development of chairs and heads across the University of Minnesota System.

"Dr. Massey's positive attitude, outgoing personality, and his interest and commitment to UMC are his legacy to the campus," Chancellor Casey remarked. "He provided UMC with academic leadership during a time of great transition, and we wish Joe and his wife, Jinny, the best as they move into retirement."

A search will begin for a new vice chancellor of academic affairs in early February with the anticipation of having a new vice chancellor in place by July 1, 2006. UMC is a four-year baccalaureate degree granting institution celebrating 100 years of education, research, and service to northwest Minnesota.

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