



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

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### **From the Chancellor**

As mentioned in the most recent E-Update, we presented our Campus Compact request at the system office earlier this month. I want to thank everyone who assisted with this important process as the submitted requests were very informative and helpful in understanding the needs across campus. I also want to specifically express my thanks to Andrew Svec and Tricia Sanders for their work in helping distill the many submissions into a concise document within the page limits provided. The written submission that was the basis of the presentation can be found at the following link:

[www.umcrookston.edu/admin/chancellor/budgetfinance/](http://www.umcrookston.edu/admin/chancellor/budgetfinance/). While only a few of the many requests can be presented in the written Campus Compact, I was informed that we made a good case for investment in our campus. We now await the outcome of the process, recognizing that a limited amount of funds exists for investments across the entire U of M system.

The most recent meeting of the Board of Regents had a relatively light agenda. Of note were the reappointments of Regents Linda Cohen and Dean Johnson and the appointment of Regents Peggy Lucas and Abdul Omari as new members of the Board. Related to our campus, President Kaler mentioned in his remarks that we had the largest percentage increase in first-year applications within the system and that he was looking forward to hosting student office hours here when he visits in mid-April. Considerable time was also given to a detailed discussion of the Operational Excellence Initiative and the various related operational analyses being undertaken this spring and summer. Details regarding the status and related plans are available in a report that was presented to the legislature. The report is posted online at <https://excellence.umn.edu/>. We can all expect to hear more about these efforts as the process continues.

Being at the Board of Regents meeting also provided the opportunity to continue advocacy for our Wellness Center. There continues to be great optimism that this project will be funded even though this is an "off year" for major capital projects. We are continuing to provide information regarding the project and answering questions from both the state legislature and governor's office. We hope to know more about this soon.

The public phase of the recruitment for the next vice chancellor for academic affairs will commence this week. This is a critically important hire for the campus, and I encourage everyone to attend the presentations by each candidate. I also encourage you to provide your feedback to the committee, which is co-chaired by Professors Bill Peterson and Carol Carrier. The recruitment for the director of admissions and enrollment management is also moving forward, and the plan is to have candidates on campus in late April to early May. More information regarding this recruitment will be forthcoming.

The planning for the inauguration ceremony on April 18 is in full swing. We have a number of Regents confirmed for the ceremony along with quite a few senior administrators. As mentioned above,

President Kaler will be in attendance and will be holding student office hours while he is here. We also anticipate that some of the Regents will arrive the day before to both tour the campus and hold open forums to hear from students, staff, and faculty. In addition to the ceremony, everyone on campus is also invited to attend the formal dedication of our new residence hall, Heritage Hall, which will include guided tours. It will be a great day to celebrate our campus and the great work we do to help our students. I encourage everyone to attend both events along with the public reception which will follow.

Spring is a time for many award announcements and celebrations. It is my pleasure to announce that Associate Professor Rachel McCoppin is our most recent Morse Alumni Award honoree! (The official and full name of the award is the Horace T. Morse - University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate Education.) Please join me in congratulating her on receiving this outstanding honor. Also, we recently heard that UMC has once again achieved a place on the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll! There are many folks who deserve our thanks for this honor, but I would like to specifically thank Lisa Loegering, assistant director of community engagement, for her tireless efforts in this important area. We will celebrate these honors along with many other faculty and staff awards on May 14. Please mark the date on your calendars; I hope you will join in what is sure to be a festive end-of-the-year celebration!

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

### **Featured Events & Activities**

**Speaker Sally Gregory Kohlstedt: "Uncovering the Past, Charting the Future: The Rise of Women in Science," Wednesday, March 27 – 7 p.m.**, presentation followed by panel discussion, Eagles Nest, Sahlstrom Conference Center, free and open to the public

**Floating Holiday, Friday, March 29** - classes excused, campus offices closed

**Grad Fest 2013 "No Hassle for Your Tassel," Wednesday, April 3 – 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**, International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center, all graduating seniors are encouraged to attend

**Annual International and Multicultural Dinner, Wednesday, April 3 – 5 p.m.** demonstrations and info booths, Northern Lights Lounge; 6 p.m. dinner and program, Bede Ballroom, \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and students, \$10 for UMC students on a meal plan

**Thursday Commons: Spring Semester Campus Assembly Meeting, Thursday, April 4 – 12:30 p.m.**, Bede Ballroom

**Speaker Terri Hughes: "From Skid Row to the Movie Screen," Thursday, April 4 – 7 p.m.**, Kiehle Auditorium, free and open to the public

**NACTA Dance Featuring Silverado, Saturday, April 6 – 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.**, Crookston Eagles Club, admission \$8, open to the public

**Registration for Fall Semester 2013 Begins, Monday, April 8**

## UMC Blood Drive Honoring Nash Lucken-Bak, Monday, April 8 – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom

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](http://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](http://www.umn.edu/twincities/faculty-staff/brief).

### Around Campus

#### Administrative Affairs –

The **Crookston Campus Compact Request for Fiscal Year 2014** was presented to members of U of M Central Administration in early March. The document is available for review online at [www.umcrookston.edu/admin/chancellor/budgetfinance/](http://www.umcrookston.edu/admin/chancellor/budgetfinance/).

**Two candidates for vice chancellor for academic affairs** will be brought to campus in the next week for interviews: Warren Sandmann, Ph.D., on Wednesday, March 27, and Lance Grahn, Ph.D., on Monday, April 1. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend various meetings with the candidates and to provide feedback to the search committee. The open forum scheduled with each candidate will be videotaped and made available online after all three interviews are complete. Please refer to the schedules posted online at [www.umcrookston.edu/vcsearch](http://www.umcrookston.edu/vcsearch).

The spring semester 2013 meeting of the **UMC Campus Assembly** will be held on Thursday, April 4, at 12:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Refreshments will be served. The agenda and minutes from the previous meeting are available online at [www.umcrookston.edu/academics/campusassembly/Current.htm](http://www.umcrookston.edu/academics/campusassembly/Current.htm).

#### Academic Affairs –

The Business Department recently signed **an articulation agreement with Lake Superior College in Duluth, Minn.** The agreement creates an option for graduates earning an associate of applied science degree in civil engineering technology from Lake Superior College to pursue a bachelor of manufacturing management degree, either online or on-site, at UMC.

#### Student Affairs –

The U of M Crookston Women's Consortium will host a presentation by nationally recognized history of science expert **Sally Gregory Kohlstedt, Ph.D., on the topic of "Uncovering the Past, Charting the Future: The Rise of Women in Science"** on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Nest, Sahlstrom Conference Center. The presentation, followed by a panel discussion, is free and open to the public. Teachers and educators are especially invited to attend. Panel participants include Candiss O. Williams, Ph.D., research social scientist at USDA-NRCS National Soil Survey Laboratory, Lincoln, Neb.; Susan Bornsen, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics at North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.D.; Rebekah Aakre, a registered nurse residing in East Grand Forks, Minn.; and Gloria Ayuck, a nurse

practitioner at Altru Clinic in Roseau, Minn. UMC's own Pam Elf, Ph.D.; Katy Smith, Ph.D., and Vanessa Lane, Ph.D., will also be a part of the panel. [Learn more.](#)

<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2013/03/womens-history-month-celebrate-1.html>

**Terri Hughes, actress and writer, consultant, peer mentor, and advocate for the homeless**, will speak about her life from Skid Row to the movie screen on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. Hughes, who has lived on Skid Row, played the character Detroit in the 2009 movie "The Soloist" starring Jamie Foxx, Robert Downey, Jr., and Catherine Keener. She also is featured in the film "Lost Angels," which has just been released and follows the lives of eight individuals who have found a way to make a life for themselves within the community of homelessness. The film "The Soloist" will be shown on Thursday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, and the film "Lost Angels" will be shown on Thursday, April 4, at 3:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. This series of events is sponsored by UMC's Office of Diversity & Multicultural Programs and Counseling Services. [Learn more.](#)

<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news/2013/03/making-a-case-for-homelessness.html>

### International Programs –

**Chunhui Wang, Ph.D., has been appointed the assistant director of the U of M's Confucius Institute satellite office on the campus of the University of Minnesota Crookston.** The Confucius Institute at the U of M was created to promote the study of Chinese language and culture throughout Minnesota. It is a collaborative initiative between the University of Minnesota, the Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters, and Capital Normal University in Beijing. The organization's namesake is the Chinese philosopher known for encouraging deep independent thought and the study of the outside world. Chunhui Wang's office is located in 4A Hill Hall. Contact him via e-mail at [wang4854@umn.edu](mailto:wang4854@umn.edu) or by phone at 218-281-8551.

### Technology Support Services –

The UMC Technology Advisory Committee is currently accepting proposals for the next round of **Technology Innovation Program (TIP) grants**. These TIP grants are intended to specifically support UMC's teaching and learning mission, to invigorate technology innovation to enhance the student academic experience, to develop projects/activities which enhance student learning or instructional efficiency through the application of technology, and to support faculty in their study, design, and development of course materials. Proposal deadline for this funding period will be Friday, April 19, and the review process and awarding of grants will be completed by Friday, May 3. Information about the grant program including the application process can be found online at [www.crk.umn.edu/admin/tss/helpdesk/faculty/tip/](http://www.crk.umn.edu/admin/tss/helpdesk/faculty/tip/).

The Technology Advisory Committee recently hosted two technology presentations by faculty who utilized TIP grants this past year. Interested individuals who were unable to attend may watch video recordings of these presentations:

- Instant Play - <http://mediamill.cla.umn.edu/mediamill/display/187720>
- Windows Download - <https://mediamill.cla.umn.edu/mediamill/download.php?file=187721.wmv>

## Development & Alumni Relations –

The **special annual report edition of the *Torch* alumni magazine** has just been released. This annual edition focuses on various campus accomplishments from the past year. The magazine is posted online at [http://issuu.com/umcrookston/docs/torch\\_spring\\_2013\\_annual\\_report](http://issuu.com/umcrookston/docs/torch_spring_2013_annual_report).

The **18th Annual Teambacker Fun Nite** will take place Friday, April 26, at the Crookston Eagles Club. Tickets are \$40 each through April 3, and then they are \$50. Proceeds from this event support student-athlete scholarships. Last year's event raised nearly \$20,000. For further information please contact Bill Tyrrell at 218.281.8436 or [btyrrell@umn.edu](mailto:btyrrell@umn.edu).

With more than three months remaining in Fiscal Year 2013, **fundraising totals are up more than 12%** from all of last year and are projected to result in a seventh consecutive year of fundraising growth. Thanks to all donors for their continued investment in, support of, and advocacy for the University of Minnesota Crookston.

**Corby Kemmer**, director, Development & Alumni Relations, attended the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Winter Institute for Chief Development Officers, held in Naples, Florida, from February 25-27. The conference included 140 professional fundraisers from 38 states and Canada.

## University Relations –

The University of Minnesota is working across the entire system to solidify its brand marks and more fully integrate the system campuses. In doing so, there is currently a move to eliminate symbols such as commas and pipes (|) currently used when referring to system campuses. In addition to using modified wordmark graphics, the system campuses in Crookston, Duluth, Morris, and Rochester are encouraged to move forward immediately to **eliminate the comma separating the name of the campus from the University of Minnesota**. Thus, in writing and print it becomes “University of Minnesota Crookston” and no longer “University of Minnesota, Crookston” or “University of Minnesota—Crookston” (which was actually eliminated many years ago). The transition to these updated marks and procedures has already begun, with the goal of full, consistent transition by July 1, 2013.

## Athletics –

Four University of Minnesota Crookston student-athletes have been named to the **Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Winter All-Academic Team: Kenzie Church**, a sophomore women's basketball player from Fairmount, N.D.; **Almir Krdzalic**, a senior men's basketball player from Sioux Falls, S.D.; **Ashley Martell**, a sophomore women's basketball player from, Somerset, Wis.; and **Broderick Schmidt**, a senior men's basketball player from Marion, S.D. To be eligible for this honor, a student-athlete must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing, must be a member of the varsity traveling team, and must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or higher, having completed at least one full academic year at that institution.

## University of Minnesota System

**State Relations Update** - Governor Dayton recently released a revised budget proposal estimated to create \$1.8 billion in revenue, of which \$627 million would be directed to the state budget deficit. The governor's support for the U's biennial budget request remains unchanged from January. President Kaler recently presented to the legislature the findings of the spans and layers analysis requested by Senate leaders, as well as an overview of a University cost benchmarking study. For more information, see [State Relations](#).

<http://govrelations.umn.edu/state-relations.html>

The March meeting of the Board of Regents welcomed two new members who were elected by a joint session of the Minnesota Legislature. Newly elected members include Fifth District Representative **Peggy Lucas**, a founding partner of Brighton Development Corp. and longtime U donor and volunteer, and at-large student member **Abdul Omari**, a College of Education and Human Development doctoral student and former student representative to the Board. Incumbent at-large Regents **Linda Cohen** (current board chair) and **Dean Johnson** were also reelected. The twelve-member board is the governing body of the University and was established by the Minnesota Territorial Legislature. The Legislature elects one regent from each of Minnesota's eight congressional districts and four from the state at large. One of the four at-large regents must be a U student at the time of election. Regents serve without compensation for six-year terms.

## Accolades

The University of Minnesota Crookston has been named to the **2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll** by the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities. The full list for 2013 is available online at [www.nationalservice.gov/about/initiatives/honorroll.asp](http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/initiatives/honorroll.asp) (Full List 2013 Honor Roll PDF). UMC has been on the Honor Roll every year since 2006 with the exception of one.

**Lisa Samuelson**, director of student activities and the Sargeant Student Center, has been selected to be a part of the U of M President's Excellence in Leadership (PEL) Program. Newly restructured, PEL's focus is on a seminar curriculum and action learning components that emphasize change management facilitation, leadership development, and strategies to improve efficiency. The 2013 cohort is comprised of staff members from across the U of M system and will begin in April and conclude in December.

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