



U of M, Crookston Campus E-Update

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From the Chancellor

One of my duties as chancellor is to attend the meetings of the Board of Regents, and I attended my first full session on the Twin Cities campus on September 13-14. The thorough knowledge the Regents displayed as well as the overall productive atmosphere impressed me; while they may have different views, it was obvious they all placed a premium on working together and with administration for what is best for the University of Minnesota. Two of the highlights from these meetings were:

- President Kaler's initial Biennial Budget Presentation to the Board of Regents
 - The Board of Regents will officially consider this at their next meeting. In brief, the proposal includes the following features:
 - additional state funding to support a 0% tuition increase throughout the biennium
 - additional state funding if the system reaches certain performance metrics
 - a reduction in operating costs for the system as part of the operational excellence initiative
 - additional funding for scientific research in four areas: robotics, securing the global food supply, environmental conservation, and treatment for brain conditions
 - the creation of tax credits/relief for tuition, loan forgiveness programs for specific careers, and tax credits for scholarship donations

- The 2012 University Plan, Performance and Accountability Report

This information was presented in numerous committees and to the full Board. UMC was presented in a favorable light in these presentations, and we should be proud of the recent accomplishments highlighted in the report.

Both presentations are available online at www.umn.edu/regents/meetings.html and the full Accountability Report is at www.academic.umn.edu/accountability.

As announced the day before the Board met, Vice President Robert Jones is leaving the University of Minnesota to become president of the State University of New York at Albany. By all accounts, Vice President Jones has been a staunch advocate of the coordinate campuses, and he has been an especially strong advocate for UMC. President Kaler has brought together a group to review VP Jones' portfolio and to consider other administrative options. We look forward to learning how this may impact our relationships with the U of M President's Office.

As you all well know, we've just completed a very busy Homecoming Week. Mary and I very much enjoyed the whirlwind of activities, and we especially appreciated the opportunity to meet many great alumni, students, family members, and community members during the week. My sincere thanks to

the staff, faculty, and students who worked so hard to make Homecoming Week so enjoyable for everyone.

I've appointed a committee to review the Thursday Commons block to provide guidance on whether or not changes should be made. George French has agreed to serve as chair, and the other members are Ron Del Vecchio, Bill Peterson, Ken Myers, Christo Robberts, Kenneth Johnson, Lisa Samuelson, Stephanie Helgeson, and students Alexmai Addo and Laura Gabrielson. The committee is interested in input from across campus, and you may offer your thoughts and suggestions to any of its members.

Finally, in preparation for a national search for the vice chancellor of academic affairs position, I have been meeting with Executive Committee members and many others to consider a revision of the portfolio. We will begin the search process once the updated portfolio and organizational structure have been determined.

Finally, on a personal note, I am greatly enjoying the changing seasons with my first autumn in Minnesota. I hope you are enjoying the beautiful colors as well.

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

Featured Events & Activities

Workshops on Intercultural Communication and Integrating International Students into the Classroom, Wednesday, September 26 – 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom rooms C/D/E, Sargeant Student Center, free, preregistration required

Campus Visit by Arlene Carney, U of M Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, Thursday, September 27

“Can Do Canines: Partners for Empowerment and Independence,” Tuesday, October 2 – 12:15 to 1 p.m., Bede Ballroom

Campus-Wide Garage Sale, Wednesday, October 3 – 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., garages west of the Kiser Building, open to the public beginning at noon

Interactive Diversity Presentation: “Strange Like Me,” Wednesday, October 3 – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

Thursday Commons: Fall Semester Convocation, Thursday, October 4 – 12:30 to 2 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

Music on Monday Featuring Justyn Dow, Monday, October 8 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center

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 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.

Around Campus

Academic Affairs –

Arlene Carney, U of M vice provost for faculty and academic affairs, will visit the Crookston campus on Thursday, September 27. Her agenda for the day includes meeting in Selvig 308 with tenured faculty from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and with tenure-track faculty from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. She also will have lunch and meetings with Chancellor Wood and Vice Chancellor Baldwin that afternoon and will meet with academic department heads from 2 to 3 p.m.

Student Affairs –

In recognition of Disability Employment Awareness Month, the Office for Students with Disabilities will sponsor the presentation **“Can Do Canines: Partners for Empowerment and Independence”** by **Terri Krake** on Tuesday, October 2, at 12:15 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Ms. Krake and her canine companion, Brody, will be available for individual conversation following the presentation from 1 to 2 p.m. RSVP to Laurie Wilson (lwilson2@umn.edu) in advance to take part in the complementary lunch which begins at noon. Interested individuals may choose to attend only the 12:15 program.

The interactive presentation “Strange Like Me,” set for Wednesday, October 3, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium, begins with a monologue that raises serious questions of how people can overcome preconceptions and begin to bridge the gaps that continue to divide. This sets the stage for a lively discussion of diversity. In two following scenes, six students attempt to navigate the sometimes difficult terrain of multicultural campus relationships. During talk-backs, the audience can confront the characters and voice their own opinions on issues of racism, sexism, and homophobia. The discussion is capped off by a short theatrical scene that reveals the lasting scars prejudice leaves on its victims. The event is free and open to all.

Fall Semester Convocation is set for Thursday, October 4, at 12:30 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Crookston Student Association President Adam Switzer will serve as master of ceremonies. The keynote speaker will be Lorna Hollowell, the new director of diversity and multicultural programs. Vice Chancellor Tom Baldwin and Chancellor Fred Wood will recognize student academic achievement, and varsity coaches will recognize their respective teams and provide season updates. Music will be provided by the UMC Choir under the direction of Associate Professor George French. There are no classes scheduled on Thursdays from Noon to 2 p.m., so make plans to take part in this event.

The **Crookston Student Association (CSA)** has announced the 2012-2013 membership of its executive board: President **Adam Switzer**, Vice-President **Kayla Bellrichard**, Secretary **Emily Goff**, Treasurer **Ross Sigler**, U of M Board of Regents Representative **Jesse Jennings**, Student Senate Consultative Committee Representative **Gyaltso Gurung**, S.P.A.C.E. Chairperson **Brooke Novak**, and Senators **Alexmai Addo**, **Mary Boateng**, **Laura Gabrielson**, **Mikayla Gautsche**, **Bryce Gillie**, **Ashlynn Hartung**,

Shaolei Jin, Molly Sheehan, Anthonette Sims, and Aaron Soltau. Christo Robberts will serve as the faculty advisor and **Lisa Samuelson** as staff advisor.

Technology Support Services –

A **PeopleSoft student data training session** will be offered on campus on Wednesday, October 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Kiehle 116. Any units with staff who need training in this area may send those staff members to this session. For more information, contact Jeff Sperling at sperling@umn.edu or call ext. 8373.

Facilities & Operations –

UMC will hold a **Campus-Wide Garage Sale** on Wednesday, October 3, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the garages west of the Kiser Building. The sale will have specific times for different clientele: 9 to 10:30 a.m. - University departments looking to transfer items to their area (no charge unless there is a balance on a piece of capital equipment); 10:30 a.m. to Noon - University faculty, staff and students; Noon to 5:30 p.m. - the general public. This is a good opportunity to consider disposing of departmental items that have been sitting in storage, replaced, or unused. Department heads, directors, and unit supervisors should approve all items going into the garage sale. Funds raised from the sale will be deposited into each respective unit's budget. The UMC Hockey Club will stage and staff this event as a fundraiser and will receive 10% of the event sales. Please contact Michelle Ramstad (Hockey Club advisor), Rich Connell, or Peter Phaiah with questions.

International Programs –

The UMC Office of International Programs, the International Student and Scholar Services Office (UMTC), the Center for Teaching and Learning, and the Global Programs and Strategies Alliance will offer two training sessions on **intercultural communication and internationalizing the classroom with emphasis on integrating international students into the classroom**. The workshops will be held on campus on Wednesday, September 26 in Bede Ballroom rooms C/D/E, Sargeant Student Center. These workshops are free but require preregistration with the Office of International Programs.

- 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. - Intercultural Communication Workshop. This workshop will focus on understanding culture and how that impacts communication and communication style. Appropriate for staff and faculty; student leaders may join if there is enough space.
- 3 to 4:30 p.m. - Instructional Strategies for Integrating International Students into the Curriculum Workshop. This workshop is designed to engage faculty in exploring instructional strategies for integrating international students in the classroom. Appropriate for all faculty; staff may join if there is space.

Development & Alumni Relations –

The Office of Development & Alumni Relations would like to thank everyone who helped with and took part in the activities for **Homecoming 2012**. This series of events brings students, faculty, staff, alumni,

and the community together in an important way and showcases the campus in a very positive light. Congratulations to the Golden Eagle Football Team for the win and to the Women's Soccer and Volleyball Teams for their competitive work. Finally, congratulations to 2012 Outstanding Alumni **Kirk Schultz '79**, **Doreen (Johnson) Roy '81**, and **Gerald Landby '82**, and to **Ryan Driedger '97** who was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

University Relations –

The U of M has just launched a brand campaign that highlights the entire U of M system. The campaign's theme is "**Discovery Is Illumination**," and it plays off the power of light—the University's bright students, the enlightenment of discovery, and the economic power the U provides to the state. According to U of M President Eric Kaler, the campaign was developed with key priorities in mind: to generate support for the U's mission, to position the U for success at the legislature, and to create awareness of the impact of student support through scholarships. At the end of each of the TV ads the five campuses—Crookston, Duluth, Morris, Rochester, and the Twin Cities—are not only the brightest spots on the Minnesota map but are also listed by name. View all the TV ads online at <http://discover.umn.edu/illuminate.php>.

Athletics –

Golden Eagle Football's **Richard Haley**, a senior running back from Detroit, Mich., was selected as the **Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Offensive Player of the Week** as announced by the conference office on Monday, September 24. The honor is the second of Haley's career. He rushed for just short of a career-high with 232 yards on 34 carries while adding three touchdowns as the Golden Eagles defeated Southwest Minnesota State University 33-28 on Saturday, September 22. Haley started off the game rushing 60 yards to put UMC ahead 7-0. Late in the second quarter, he culminated a 16 play, 69 yard drive with a one yard score to put the Golden Eagles ahead 19-7. In the third quarter, Haley rushed 20 yards for his third touchdown of the game to put the Golden Eagles up 33-14. He also added one reception for six yards. His 232 yard total was just shy of his career best 237 yards against MSU Moorhead.

Extension –

Extension will host a **Natural Play Space Workshop** on Wednesday, October 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. In the morning, plenary presentations will be given by U of M staff and local partners covering the planning, installation, and programming aspects of natural play spaces with examples of what has been done in the region. The afternoon will consist of break-out discussions addressing exactly what is needed to move such projects forward. Registration is \$15 and includes lunch. For more info contact the Extension Regional Center at 218-281-8696 or mleblanc@umn.edu.

U of M Extension's U-Lead Advisory Academy (ULAA) will hold meetings on the Crookston campus September 26 through 28 in Bede Ballroom. In addition to the meetings, attendees will take a tour of campus led by Elizabeth Tollefson, assistant director of communications at UMC, and will visit Chuck and Barb Schulstad's farm in Erskine, Minnesota, where U of M research trials are being conducted on growing fruits, vegetables, and fruit trees in three high tunnels on their property. That project is

funded in part by the Northwest Regional Sustainable Development Partnership. To learn more about ULAA, visit www.extension.umn.edu/U-Lead/advisorytraining.

University of Minnesota System

U of M **President Eric Kaler proposed his first biennial budget request**, for fiscal years 2014–15, at the September Board of Regents meeting. The request is accompanied by policy options for state legislators to consider, representing a new approach and partnership with the State of Minnesota. Pending board action in October, the request to the state legislature will be pursued during the 2013 legislative session, which begins in January. The board was also presented with an overview of the 2012 University Plan, Performance, and Accountability Report. [Learn more.](#)
http://www1.umn.edu/news/news-releases/2012/UR_CONTENT_409618.html

Campus and Community

Approximately 100 high school students involved in **Minnesota Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)** in northwest Minnesota will hold their annual regional conference on campus on Wednesday, October 10. Their events and meetings will be held in Bede Ballroom, Kiehle Auditorium, and Kiehle 105 and 116 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. that day. FCCLA is a student leadership organization that focuses on youth, peer education and family. FCCLA empowers young women and men to be active leaders in their family, school, and community by addressing important personal, family, work, and societal issues.

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