

News Release

U of M Crookston Grassroots Legislative Network Briefing and Reception Set for Nov. 27, 2007

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CROOKSTON, Minn. (November 21, 2007) – Join local legislators and officials from the University of Minnesota, Crookston for a preview and discussion of the U of M's request for state funds to invest in existing infrastructure while building for the future. The community is invited to attend a U of M, Crookston Grassroots Legislative Network briefing and reception scheduled for November 27, 2007, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom at the Student Center on campus.

Crookston campus Chancellor Charles H. Casey will explain how projects on the table will benefit the University of Minnesota, Crookston and the entire state. Invited guests include Senator LeRoy Stumpf and Representative Bernie Lieder. The campus community and public are encouraged to learn more about the capital request and talk with legislators about why it is right for Minnesota.

The University of Minnesota \$238.7 million request includes a number of renovations as well as new buildings that will help the University accomplish its teaching, research and outreach mission. While the University of Minnesota, Crookston doesn't have a specific building project in this year's system-wide request, the \$100 million Higher Education Asset Preservation and Renewal (HEAPR) request; the \$3 million request for classroom improvements; and \$10 million for laboratory renovations are of great importance to the campus.

The Legislative Network is a coalition of alumni, students, faculty, staff and community members who are committed to educating elected officials and our community about the importance of the University of Minnesota to the state.

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