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DULUTH--Plans for construction of a Campus Club at UMD for faculty and staff members were announced today by Provost Raymond W. Darland.

The \$100,000 facility will be built as an addition to Kirby Student Center on the second floor level above the present business office.

The Campus Club will include a main dining room which will seat 160 persons on a daily basis and 250 persons for banquets, a lounge-conference room, and two smaller conference-dining rooms. The club will have its own cafeteria-style serving facility with meals prepared in the main Kirby kitchen.

Provost Darland said 75% of the costs of construction and equipment have been donated by private, corporation and foundation donors, with 25% of the funds coming from the UMD Faculty and Campus Improvement-Service funds.

The club will be built at the same time another addition is made to the Oakland Avenue side of Kirby Student Center. That project will include an expansion of the main kitchen and the addition of conference rooms on the top floor of the building. Architectural plans and specifications for both projects are being prepared by Melander-Fugelso and Associates of Duluth.

Darland said he hopes construction can be initiated at an early date and be completed by the spring of 1964.

Provost Darland pointed out that former Regent Richard L. Griggs, Duluth, was a key figure in the early planning of the Campus Club and in securing donations for the project.

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"This is another example of Griggs' continuing support of the development of the UMD campus," Darland said. "We deeply appreciate the contributions of all donors who helped make the project possible.

"With UMD's enrollment approaching 3400, there just isn't enough dining space to adequately take care of students, faculty and staff. The new Campus Club will ease this problem considerably.

"It, also, is my feeling that this facility will help in retaining a top-flight faculty and assist in recruiting additional personnel in the future."

Darland said the main function of the new Campus Club will be to provide a quiet, informal dining atmosphere for faculty and staff and their guests. The lounge and the smaller dining-conference rooms will be available for groups such as the UMD Alumni Association, campus organizations, committee meetings, special luncheons and evening meetings.

The main lounge will be available for news conferences and other informal gatherings.