

News Release

UMC Names Mark Koepke Director of Facilities and Operations

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Monday, July 24, 2006 CROOKSTON, MN (July 24, 2006) – The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Koepke as the new director of facilities and operations. Koepke comes to UMC from the Fargo Public Schools where he served as the director of maintenance and operations and managed more than 100 staff members and took care of some 25 buildings. He will begin his new duties at UMC on July 31, 2006.

Koepke brings extensive experience in facilities management including improvement planning, construction, and renovation. As the new director, he will oversee the services and functions of the campus physical operations – buildings, grounds, and facilities – and lead ongoing maintenance and upgrade efforts.

"The director of facilities and operations is a key player in our long-range planning and positioning process," UMC Chancellor Charles H. Casey said. "With his diverse background and knowledge base, Mark will move UMC ahead and provide leadership in the areas of campus stewardship and work to enhance campus experiences for our students."

Koepke holds a bachelor's in mechanical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and a master's in business administration from the University of South Dakota. He is also a registered professional engineer. He previously worked for Dickinson State University as the director of facility operations and for the State of South Dakota in construction and facilities management, a position he held for more than 11 years.

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